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ZOO BOSS WANTS THEATRE LEVELLED

by Heather Large

THE boss of Dudley Zoo has become the latest supporter to back plans to knock down the former Hippodrome theatre. Dudley Council wants to flatten the building in Castle Hill but a campaign to save it from the bulldozers is under way.

The zoo's chief executive Peter Suddock has now joined Andrew Lovett, director of the Black Country Living Museum in supporting the council's plans. In a letter to the authority, he said the building, in its current state, was "detrimental" to the historic castle and gave visitors a bad first impression of the town. Members of the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group are currently working on a revised business plan as they want the venue to re-open as a community theatre.

They believe it could host West End-style shows and host theatre workshops and offer training opportunities for young people.

But Mr Suddock said he agreed with the council's plans to tear down the former theatre to make way for a temporary car park.

He said in his letter: "We are supportive of the local authority position for the demolition of this building as it is felt that the current view from Castle Gate island is detrimental to Castle Hill, particularly the Tecton buildings and the castle.

Significant

"The position is in line with English Heritage's view in 2011 that the building has no significant architectural merit remaining.

"Its current state also provides a negative introduction to the town and many of our visitors bring this to our attention, suggesting that it is unacceptable and should be demolished."

Mr Lovett said he believed the building should be knocked down as it was "necessary for the wider regeneration of Castle Hill."

He added the emotion of campaigners fighting to save it should not be the overriding factor in keeping the landmark.

But he said the did recognise the Hippodrome's "social importance to past generations".

Last week it emerged that English Heritage had back-pedalled on its opposition to the demolition plans.

Bosses said that they now recognised how the loss of the venue fits in with the wider scheme for the area but said they wanted more information on what was planned for the site before making a decision on the proposals.

Father in fight with hospital over death

THE head of a government select committee has labelled the care received by a Dudley woman who died at a hospital as falling "far short of what she had every right to expect".

But Stephen Dorrell, who also says 35-year-old Wendy Nock's death was avoidable, has told her father the health committee cannot take up individual cases.

It is the latest blow for Harold Nock, of Birmingham New Road, Dudley, but he says he will not give up his campaign for "justice".

He is suing the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust over the death of Wendy, who had spina bifida and died from an intestinal obstruction in September 2009.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain said at an inquest there had been "consistent failing among different departments and a number of different staff." A report by General Medical Council investigator Neil Ineson said the care was "deficient".

An independent review concluded, if a CT scan had been carried out, she would probably have survived.

Mr Nock, 64, and his wife Denise, 61, say no staff have been held to account. Now Mr Dorrell has told the couple: "... your daughter's death was avoidable and the care she received while in hospital fell far short of what she had every right to expect."

Care groups win award

DEMENTIA care in Dudley has won a regional award.

The borough's three "dementia gateways", which offer care to people with the condition, won a Great West Midlands Care Award in the Putting People First category.

The gateways at the Brett Young Centre, Halesowen, Brettell Lane Centre, Brierley Hill and Roseville Centre, Coseley, offer therapies, from crafts and memory exercises to gardening. There are also day sessions to provide a break for carers.

Town could get Sunday market trade

A SUNDAY market could be launched in the heart of Dudley in a bid to boost tourism and revive the flagging town centre.

Food, crafts and gifts could be sold to bring greater footfall to the high street. The venture is among ideas being considered by the Dudley Town Team.

The newly-launched group is tasked with regenerating the high street.

The market would operate separately to the current six-day version, with different traders.

Chairman of Dudley Market Traders Association Len Lenihan has welcomed the idea as long as stallholders were not "all vying for the same trade".

The Town Team has been established to spend Dudley's £100,000 share from the Government's £10 million High Street Innovation fund.

Group members will create a masterplan to refurbish neglected shops and attract new businesses. They will also come up with creative ideas, such as a Christmas ice rink.

Bank manager Mike Wilcox has been invited onto the Town Team and says establishing a Sunday market could be fruitful.

"I would fully support some kind of specialist market, which increases footfall in the town," said the Dudley HSBC branch manager, who is also the Lichfield District Council leader.

Borough remembers them

Veterans stand silent around the cenotaph in Dudley which was covered in wreaths

THOUSANDS of people in Dudley borough paid their respects to the armed forces as part of the traditional Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day services.

Events were held at churches and war memorials to honour those who have died in conflicts.

In Dudley town centre there was a service at the clock tower in Priory Street and a two minute silence to mark the end of the First World War. Wreaths were also laid to remember the people who gave their lives during the war.

There was then a parade and service in Coronation Gardens.

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Superhead is facing conduct hearing

A SUPERHEAD honoured by the Queen for transforming a failing Dudley school knew staff were altering pupil records to boost GCSE pass rates, it was claimed at a disciplinary hearing.

Dame Mo Brennan helped Hillcrest High School in Netherton, out of special measures in 2002 with Ofsted inspectors later classing it "outstanding". Awarded the title of Dame in 2005 for her work, she is currently head at Barr Beacon School in Aldridge.

She appeared in front of a Teaching Agency professional conduct panel in Coventry with teachers Shelley Derham and Linda Westwood. All three deny unacceptable professional conduct. The hearing was told staff at Hillcrest were allegedly asked by Derham and Westwood to make alterations to the records.

Teaching Agency presenting officer, Bradley Albuery, claimed evidence linked the pair to the "deliberate" misrecording to "pretend attendance was better than it was" and boost perceptions of Hillcrest.

He said GCSE figures were also distorted from 2004 and 2007 by between two to four per cent showing an "inflation" of results.

"It is fanciful to suppose this headteacher did not know what was going on in her school," Mr Albuery said. The hearing continues.

Humps for crash spot

AN accident blackspot in Dudley is to get new safety measures to tackle speeding and slash the number of crashes.

Two sets of speed humps will be installed on a stretch of Baptist End Road in Netherton.

Ward councillors and residents had complained to the council about the speed of cars travelling along the road and were concerned about the safety of children walking to school. The speed cushions will cost £5,000 after the scheme was given the go-ahead.

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Faster rail link to the Capital is due

RAIL passengers in Stourbridge and Kidderminster will be able to reach the capital from just over two hours with a new high speed link.

Chiltern Railways is introducing the "fastest ever" links to London.

The new times have been welcomed by local rail users who say the area's economy will be boosted.

The railway firm is launching a new timetable giving commuters from Stourbridge travel times to the capital of as little as two hours 11 minutes at peak times and on Saturdays – eight minutes faster than current journey times.

The rail link will start from December 9 and the timetable is online now.

The new fast direct link from Kidderminster to London will depart at 6.09am, taking two hours 20 minutes – nine minutes quicker than the current time – and at 7.09am with a journey time of two hours 26 minutes. From Stourbridge, the trains will leave at 6.18am, taking two hours 11 minutes, and at 6.38am for a two hour 25 minute journey. Return services will leave London at 5.15pm, arriving at Kidderminster and Stourbridge 18 minutes earlier than the existing 5.07pm train. On Saturdays, the silver trains will leave Kidderminster at 7.12am and 9.10am and Stourbridge at 7.22 and 9.20am. Rob Hebron, chairman of the Stourbridge Line Users Group, said: "This is fantastic news. It is a vote of confidence in this section of the line and it means Chiltern is committed to keep providing a service here. It is very important for the local economy that people can get to the capital and this will make it easier and encourage more people to use the service."

Thousands gather to honour fallen heroes

Pipers lead the parade to the cenotaph

The Mayor of Dudley lays a wreath at the cenotaph in Coronation Gardens, Dudley

A veterans guide dog came wearing a poppy

Brownies march past Dudley Council House

THOUSANDS of people lined the streets in Dudley borough to pay their respects to the armed forces as part of the traditional Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day services.

Events were held on Sunday at churches and war memorials to honour those who died in conflicts.

In Dudley town centre there was a service at the clock tower in Priory Street and a two-minute silence to mark the anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Wreaths were also laid to remember the people who gave their lives. There was then a parade and service in Coronation Gardens.

Residents, Dudley College students, veterans, serving members of the armed forces and civic dignitaries all turned out.

Councillor Melvyn Mottram, mayor of Dudley, said: "It is warming to see thousands of people turn out to pay their respects to the people who give so much to this country.

"The Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day services are hugely important to us here in Dudley borough, and I thank people for coming out to show their support."

Singer Maggie O'Hara led a rendition of Abide With Me at a service in Dudley's Grazebrook Park that was attended by Dudley North MP Ian Austin.

Cleaned

The event was first held five years ago following a campaign to get the memorial cleaned of rubbish and graffiti, and has become popular with residents in Oakham, Dixon's Green and Kate's Hill.

Dudley's Black Country Living Museum staged its annual service centred on an eight-ton bronze war memorial at the site, in Tipton Road, which is nicknamed Tommy and commemorates former Springfield Brewery workers in Wolverhampton.

Stourbridge's annual service was held at Mary Stevens Park, while in Halesowen a parade marched from the police station to St John the Baptist Church, where the annual service took place.

In Kidderminster there was a parade through the town to St Mary's and All Saints Church, where councillors and ex-servicemen and women then laid wreaths at the war memorial.

Offmore and Comberton councillor Fran Oborski said: "It was absolutely superb. There was a fantastic turnout from the public and it was an excellent service at the war memorial and in the church."

Residents also gathered at St Anne's Church in Bewdley after a parade from the bowling club in Riverside North.

Meanwhile, in Smethwick, Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper and mayor Keith Davies joined veterans, dignitaries and youngsters for a service outside the Council House.

Plans for a second review on waste bid

THE firm behind a proposed recycling plant in Brierley Hill is considering setting up a second consultation following a wave of objections from neighbours.

More than 200 letters have been sent into Dudley Council opposing Clean Power's proposal for the 24-hour plant on a six-acre site off Moor Street since a planning application was submitted a month ago.

Among the objectors is Dudley South MP Chris Kelly, who has helped residents by providing copied letters for them to sign and then forwarded them to the council.

The concerns they raise are the increased traffic created and they also claim there has been an apparent lack of consultation by Clean Power – despite it holding a two-day event in Brierley Hill in June.

The firm said it was looking to organise a second public consultation in response to the strong opposition.

Spokesman Gavin Miller said: "We would like to hold another event to try to address the concerns which have been raised. When we held the last event there was much positive feedback."

Warning on banking con

RESIDENTS across Dudley are being warned to be on their guard from scam letters claiming to be from a foreign bank.

More than 70 people have complained to Dudley trading standards about the con in the past two months.

Complaints include letters sent to properties claiming to offer substantial amounts of money left in a Chinese bank by a deceased relative.

The letters, many of which are from someone named Li Wu, say the money has been unclaimed and offer the recipient the chance to contact the bank to discuss the inheritance.

Artist talking life

CLENT artist Richard Coyle will talk about "life after work" to members of Hagley Wives and Women's Fellowship.

His talk, entitled "When one door shuts another opens" will be at St Saviour's Hall, Hagley, on November 27 at 8pm.

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Borough housing lies empty

MORE than 1,600 council properties across the region are standing empty with more than 500 of them in Dudley.

As many as 35,000 people are on waiting lists – and 1,649 homes are not being used.

In Dudley, there are 554 empty properties, with 6,782 people on the council house waiting list.

Sandwell Homes have 10,412 people on their housing waiting list – and 297 empty properties. The number in March was 431.

Councils insist the figures are decreasing and say they are working to bring properties back into use.

In Wolverhampton, there are 12,213 people on the housing register. There are 320 council homes available to let, which includes 78 adapted and former sheltered scheme properties.

Wolverhampton Homes spokeswoman Kate Hughes said most of the homes that are empty have been offered to prospective tenants through the Homes in the City scheme and are ready for them to move in.

A total of 4,000 applicants are waiting for homes with the Walsall Housing Group.

Stalls at fair up for grabs

A VICTORIAN-style craft fair is looking for charity fundraisers to take up stalls.

It has been organised Rob Carey, landlord of the Jolly Crispin pub, Upper Gornal, for December 6.

It starts at 10am with stalls and activities on the car park.

Cash raised from the fair will go to the pub's charities – Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind and Help4Heroes.

Stallholders will be charged £10 for a space and are asked to wear Victorian period dress for the event.

Call Mr Carey on 01902 672220 or 07881 453285.

Views on service

LIBRARY users in Dudley can have their say on services through a survey this month.

Visitors to any library in the borough until November 18 will be asked to take part in the survey and give their opinions.

Users will be asked for their views on the range of services on offer.

TV celebrities get night going with a bang

The Voice contestant Tyler James appeared

A BOYBAND, TV talent show runner-up and Britain's Got Talent favourite delighted the crowd which turned out to see Merry Hill shopping centre's Christmas lights switched on.

Screaming fans welcomed Lawson as they performed in an outdoor arena. Tyler James, of The Voice, also sang while Britain's Got Talent star Mr Zip entertained with his "hit" Where me Keys, Where me Phone.

All three shared the stage as they, along with hosts Mark Rhodes, from Darlaston and Sam Nixon, turned on the lights.

Fireworks and showers of confetti exploded as the lights came on.

Afterwards Tyler, who is going on tour next month, told how much he had enjoyed performing. He said: "Being in the studio is great but performing to an audience is the best feeling and it was great." Kate Bowen, aged 32, of Kingswinford, was there with children Niamh, seven, and Ethan, 10. She said: "There has been such a great atmosphere. We loved Lawson."

Diane Hickinbottom, of Brierley Hill, went along with her eight-year-old niece Michaela Powell. The 44-year-old carer said: "I wasn't expecting the fireworks at all. It's been very well organised."

Cindy Morgan saw the concert with her son George, two, and sister Jamie-Lee Morgan, 18. The 22-year-old, of Cannock, said: "It was amazing. The rain didn't put us off. We are really impressed with the lights."

Pamela Burgess, 53, of Netherton, who was with daughter Hope, 15, said: "The decorations are very unusual this year."

Excited fans wait to see Lawson on stage at the Merry Hill Centre

Ice skating, daredevils and festivities at big switch-on

First to try out the skating rink is Alex Hadlington, aged 20, from Lye watched by staff, Bianca Bell, 18, from Dudley and Dean Witts, 23, from Pensnett

Jake Bishop, 10, of Netherton tries out the firing range

Festive food stalls added to the atmosphere

Mandy Manders, of Cradley Heath, with the Swing Grill

ICE-skating, an aerial rope course and a jam-packed Christmas market – this is the Merry Hill shopping centre as you've never seen it before.

Daredevils of all ages flocked to the opening of £1.25 million leisure complex Quest.

Families queued up to take part on the aerial course, while an outdoor ice rink and Christmas market also proved popular.

The 14-metre high aerial ropes course is the largest of its kind in Europe.

Visitors could have a go on the course for free on Friday when it opened for a trial period. Among those having a go were Colin Turner, aged 69, and his granddaughter Megan Lawrence, 12.

The pair had gone to Merry Hill to meet friends but decided to try out the activities.

Great

Mr Turner, an engineer from Compton, Wolverhampton, said: "It's great. I've never had a go on something like this before but we saw the sign and thought we'd have a look."

Megan, a pupil at Ellowes Hall Sports College, Sedgley, said: "I'm going to come back again with my friends. It was scary but once I got over the beams it was really exciting." A combat zone where families can enjoy target shooting also forms part of the exciting attraction, which is next to Debenhams. People are harnessed to an overhead track before safely taking on the course's challenges, which include high beams, walk the plank, and rope activities.

The course was shipped over from America and can be viewed from the outside of the centre, where the ice rink is.

The rink will hold up to 150 skaters at any one time, with people limited to a 45-minute session.

A changing area is provided next to the centre's entrance. Centre marketing manager Kelly Reed said: "We're delighted to be opening the new Quest attractions here at Merry Hill. It's a major investment and features a host of fun and exciting activities for people of all ages to enjoy."

The unveiling of the adventure course comes as opening hours are extended at the shopping centre in the run-up to Christmas.

Extended

It will be open until 10pm on weekdays, 8pm on Saturdays and 5pm on Sundays. Bosses say they hope the new attractions and the longer hours will give traders a boost during the festive period.

Following the festive period, the outdoor area will be transformed to hold a changing programme of family events.

NEWS in brief

Master classes held at college

HALESOWEN College has launched a series of new expressive arts master classes for pupils from Leasowes High School to extend their skills.

The pupils will get the full college experience every Tuesday. They will be practising and improving their techniques in graphics, history of art, glass painting, drama, 3D art and dance from 3.30pm to 5pm. Janet Williams, of Halesowen College, said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils."

Petition against plans handed in

A 1,100-name petition has been handed in by campaigners fighting plans for a recycling facility at a Dudley quarry.

They will speak against plans for Ketley Quarry, Kingswinford, when they go before Dudley planning chiefs. Along with the petition, residents wrote more than 350 letters of objection.

Tilemakers Hinton Perry and Davenhill say they have addressed complaints and co-operated with the council.

Demolition plan for old Scout hut

A FORMER scout hut in Lye will be demolished and replaced with two houses, under new plans.

Kinver developer Shaw Brothers has submitted a planning application for the scout hut in Bagley Street, Lye.

The firm says it would replace the former scout base with a two semi-detached homes, one with two bedrooms, the other with three.

Jewellery show at town library

A JEWELLERY maker will be displaying her work throughout November.

Christine Harmer, from Bromsgrove, who is exhibiting at Kidderminster Library, specialises in using kiln-fired enamels on copper. She said: "I make jewellery in a wide range of styles, which are both colourful and affordable."

Christmas event

THE Friends of St John's Church in Hagley will hold their Christmas fair on November 24 from 11am at Hagley Community Centre.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

REJOICE. The new Archbishop of Canterbury is in favour of female bishops and against gay marriage. He could Welby the best thing to happen to the Church for ages.

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A NUMBER of you have asked whether the infection threatening our ash trees, will become known as the Welsh disease. Die Back.

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SO it's official. The Government is so committed to the idea of Police Commissioners that they don't really care whether you vote or not on November 15. Home Secretary Theresa May says there is no question of the elections being declared void no matter how few people vote. Yet I detect no enthusiasm at all to elect candidates we have never heard of into £100,000-a-year jobs that probably don't need doing on the strength of policies that have not been properly explained, using an electoral process which was roundly rejected in last year's AV referendum.

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SOME readers tell me they will be spoiling their ballot papers. One promises to vote for "utter waste of money".

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"THEY were brown and they looked nice." The reason some idiots give for eating wild fungi without having a clue what they are, as related on Radio 4 by TV chef Valentine Warner.

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ONE of life's little milestones came around, the renewal of my passport. One thing has changed in 10 years; the instructions for the photograph are now very stern. There must be no smiling, no reflective spectacles, no headgear and the head must be kept bolt upright. This is a bit of a blow to those of us who look particularly dashing smiling whimsically over the top of our reading glasses from beneath the brim of a mole-skin fedora. The passport snaps turned out as grim as I expected but at least I appear to be alive, unlike in my 2002 passport photo which looks like a death mask. In years to come archaeologists will be puzzled by the curious discovery that, although foreign holidays were supposed to be happy events, the only people who went on them looked really miserable.

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ANNOUNCING a project to count the number of red-haired folk in Scotland, a BBC report informs us: "For a child to have red hair, both parents must be carriers." For heavens sake, it's a colouring, not a disease.

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FOUR more years. As President Obama looks ahead to his new term, does he pause to reflect on the bright, well-educated, sophisticated population of 315 million Americans he leads? A friend is just back from a holiday in the tropics which included one day swimming with the dolphins. An American lady announced loudly: "I read the Bible and the Bible tells me that after I die I will spend all my days swimming with dolphins, and that is why this is so important to me." And she's got the vote. God Bless America.

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IF you, the readers of this column, are surprised by lines such as "a fan club" and "you're a big girl's blouse" in Anachronism Abbey (ITV), why on earth do experienced actors not rebel? Before every episode of Downton the cast read through the script, sitting around a table. Surely at that stage these modern phrases must jar terribly. Does no-one have the nerve to point out to Julian Fellowes that his scripts are less than perfect?

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ANYWAY, for all its curious turns of phrase, Downton has been the best thing on telly for years. It was one of those series you just wanted to go on and on. I must assume that Mr Bates will finally admit his guilt as a murderer in the Christmas edition (or Winterval Holiday Special as Fellowes may call it).

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Mother gives second gift of life to son

Christine Pearce with her son Leslie

A MOTHER has given the gift of life to her son for the second time.

Leslie Pearce, aged 50, of Kidderminster had been told by doctors that without a kidney transplant he would not have long to live.

But he is now on the road to recovery after his 68-year-old mother Christine made the selfless act of donating one of hers. Mr Pearce had been on the donor list for three years and his condition was rapidly worsening when his mother stepped in.

But because of her age it took 12 months of rigorous testing to establish that the kidney would not be rejected by its new host.

Mrs Pearce, of Comberton Road, said: "He was getting weaker and weaker. You could see the deterioration and tell that something had to be done pretty quickly. There's nothing worse than seeing your son dying. They said unless he got a kidney he would have died. It wasn't a difficult decision at all." She was finally able to undergo the life-saving operation on October 18, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham. Doctors now say Mr Pearce is recovering well and expect him to be able to return to work at the family business, Kidderminster Mirror and Glass, within three months.

Families 'scared away' by loose dogs in park

LARGE dogs are being let off their leads and leaving parents afraid to take their young children to a Dudley park, it has been claimed. Darrell Meekcom says he does not feel safe when walking around Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge with his children.

On a recent visit a bull mastiff nearly knocked over his 15-month-old daughter Phoebe – and Mr Meekcom has warned someone could be badly injured soon.

Mr Meekcom, aged 46, from Wordsley, says he complained to Dudley Council hoping the problem would be addressed.

But an email from the green spaces team suggested Mr Meekcom should instead use another quieter park in the local area, such as King George V Park in Wordsley.

The council currently allows dogs to be let off leads on the east side of the park.

Signs

Mr Meekcom, who works as a nurse, claims he was told by the council that staff found it difficult to enforce the rules as they were also busy taking exercise groups and activities.

But he added: "Mary Stevens Park is becoming a dog's paradise and they seem to have more power than humans now.

"There doesn't seem to be any signs telling people where they must keep their dogs on their leads."

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "People visit our parks for a variety of reasons.

"We would therefore always ask people to be mindful of other park users and would expect dog walkers to keep their pets under control."

Gym faces rival for new site

BOSSES at Olympic star Kristian Thomas's gymnastics club face competition in their search for a new building – from campaigners trying to save the same site.

Earls Gymnastics Club, Halesowen says it will look for funding to help pay for a centre of excellence. The old Sons of Rest building in Huntingtree Road has been earmarked as a possible site.

However, a campaign is running to reopen it for community use.

Campaigners say they have received positive feedback from Dudley Council but ward councillor Ken Turner, who is spearheading the Earls project to raise £500,000 for the move, says the site would be "ideal" for a new gymnastics centre.

Councillor Turner is also hoping to set up a meeting with council chiefs to discuss possible locations in the town. The club says it will look for cash from the Big Lottery Fund and Sport England. Meanwhile, Councillor Donella Russell, said: "As far as I am concerned we have got a business plan together. I do not believe the gymnastics club is seriously interested in the land."

Club chairman John Caulwell said the Sons of Rest building was "one of many options".

Hair stylist cuts it at college

Hair stylist Patrick Cameron with former apprentice hairdresser Lauren Lowe, front, and lecturer in hairdressing Diane Hughes, at the new salon in Dudley

WORLD-renowned hair stylist Patrick Cam-eron has opened a new salon which will train students in Dudley to be a cut above the rest.

The stylist – known as the "long hair expert" – cut the ribbon to officially launch the new Evolve Hair and Beauty salon at Dudley College. It is part of the £6.6 million Evolve sixth form centre at the college and the salon is sponsored by Wella, whose figurehead is Mr Cameron. During the launch he demonstrated his styling skills to employers, apprentices, staff and students.

Mr Cameron said: "I'd like to congratulate Dudley College on such a fantastic building that's been designed to inspire students – it's charged with enthusiasm and a great place, with great tutors."

Fishing ban may be lifted from pool

ANGLING could return to a Halesowen beauty spot for an 18-month trial period, under a proposal put to councillors.

Fishing was banned around four years ago at The Leasowes following the death of two ducks that had got caught in lines. But the sport could return, under a proposal lodged last week.

Councillors at Halesowen Area Committee heard anglers want fishing to be allowed at the lake for the trial period with up to four people fishing at any one time. There would be no night-time fishing.

The proposal has the support of more than 200 people who have signed a petition.

But they face opposition from around 160 people, who are against the plan.

They say the sport would ruin vegetation which has grown back at the site.

Councillor Ken Turner said: "We've listened to what each side has had to say and our officers will look in detail at each of their arguments."

Retired teacher Paul Thomas, aged 64, said.

"We believe fishing should never have been banned from the site."

Shops could get revamp

AN eyesore block of shops and maisonettes in Kingswinford is to be revamped, following complaints from residents.

Four of the six shops in Beech Road are boarded up, with only a convenience store and takeaway still trading.

All of the six flats above the shops are occupied but the gardens are overgrown and piles of rubbish have been dumped there.

Dudley Council says the building could be refurbished.

Brierley Hill Area Committee have demanded action to tidy up the area.

Bonfire success

A BONFIRE at Himley Park that attracted more than 23,000 people has been hailed a success – and bosses say they are already planning for next year.

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Speed plan by schools pushed on

HIGHWAYS chiefs are going on with plans for 20mph areas outside some schools.

Dudley Council is looking at 22 roads outside 17 schools for new speed limits.

It is the first stage of a wider plan, approved by councillors, for the measure to be outside many schools.

Parents, staff and councillors were invited to apply for new limits, but the council is looking at schools where children are most at risk.

Director of urban environment, John Millar, told the council cabinet that officers were looking at potentially implementing the speed limit on 22 roads chosen due to numbers of accidents and children using them.

Councillor Judy Foster, said: "The safety of children outside schools is obviously very important and this is part of the council's work to safeguard them.

"We are now looking at a select group of roads outside schools, now consulting with the schools and ward councillors.

The officers will then come back with a list of roads where they believe the 20mph limit should be introduced."

Warning on antibiotics

DUDLEY patients are being urged not to demand antibiotics for colds and flu – because, in most cases, they are not effective.

Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group and Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust are supporting the fourth European Antibiotics Awareness Day on November 18.

The annual initiative aims to encourage responsible use of antibiotics and tackle the rise in antibiotic resistance, which medics say is one of the most significant threats to patient safety across Europe.

Dr Liz Rees, consultant microbiologist at Russells Hall Hospital, said: "Antibiotics are medicines that can kill or inhibit the growth of bacteria to cure infections.

Dr Liz Pope, clinical executive for Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "It is important antibiotics are only prescribed for bacterial infection."

Festive bazaar

A FESTIVE bazaar will be held at Stourton Village Hall on December 1 from 9.30am. Call 01384 872073 or 07801 929034 for a stall.

Ibstock Brick winding down factory site

A WORLD famous brick company is winding down one of its long-standing factories with only a few workers now remaining at the site.

Ibstock Brick announced the closure of its base in Tansey Green Road, Kingswinford, earlier this year.

Bosses have said operations had now been scaled down at the factory with only a small number of staff continuing to work there.

They said this was to maintain the security of the site and to dispatch products to customers. But they refused to comment on when the site would be fully closed. The firm announced the factory was to shut in July and said consultation was taking place with the 31 people who worked there.

Bosses said they had continued to work closely with staff over the past few months to help them secure alternative employment.

They said 10 members of staff had been redeployed to other Ibstock factories in the area.

The firm blamed closure of the factory on tough trading conditions leading to a decline in the demand for bricks. Officials said the drop in business had been ongoing in recent years which had forced a rethink on how the firm operated.

Spokesman for the company, Gemma Perks said: "Following a consultation period, Ibstock Brick has regrettably had to close its Stourbridge factory.

"A small number of staff are continuing to work at the site to dispatch products to customers and maintain security.

"We have worked closely with employees to help them secure alternative employment and understand the vast majority of those affected have already secured new roles.

"A number have been redeployed to other local Ibstock factories."

The company was formed in the 1800s and has run the factory, in Kingswinford, for a number of years. It is one of more than 20 bases the firm runs across the UK. The firm also has factories in Aldridge and Cannock.

When the closure of the factory was announced in July, bosses said the aim was to maintain "optimum operational efficiency" at the remaining factories.

Therapy is no horseplay as animals used for healing

WEST Midlands people are getting help to conquer their addictions and mental health problems – straight from the horse's mouth. Former psychology lecturer Elaine Noble claims she and her team of seven horses and one donkey can help sufferers as they fight off their inner demons.

This can include everything from drug and alcohol addiction to post traumatic stress and agoraphobia. Elaine's company, Equines Supporting People (ESP), says it helps deliver its own special brand of horsey therapy to about 55 clients a year, operating from fields around Stourton, near Stourbridge, and Kinver.

The animals get to the root of it all as they sense what is going on under the surface.

Elaine, who lives on Bridgnorth Road, Stourton, with her partner David Price and 15-year-old daughter Tabitha, observes as the clients perform tasks, such as putting a bridle on a horse, and then discusses the reactions of both human and animal.

"The horses pick up what's going on under the surface and mirror it back to you," said Elaine, 43, who was a psychotherapist and lectured at Wolverley High School, near Kidderminster, and at Stourbridge and Halesowen colleges.

Repairing

"Then, when they realise what the horse has picked up on, it's like a repairing process that goes on.

"The horses know people on a very deep level and can read the subconscious – they're like a lie detector."

Among converts to ESP is 52-year-old Steve McCarron, who had complex post traumatic stress disorder after childhood abuse.

Steve, a former stone carver, from Hartlebury, near Kidderminster, was sent to Elaine by Pathways to Recovery of Kidderminster. He says he is able to face up to the damage that abuse wreaked upon his life, which included drug and alcohol misuse.

Elaine and Hugo one of the horses she uses for the 'repairing process'

Tributes to head found dead at work

TRIBUTES have been paid to a "gentle and kind" primary school headteacher who is believed to have killed herself in her office less than six months into the job.

Helen Mann was reportedly found hanged in her office at Sytchampton Endowed First School near Stourport at the end of a staff training day on November 5.

It is understood the 43-year-old was returning to work after an illness.

Her family and the village community spoke of their shock and paid tribute to the mother, who had two sons, George, 13, and Jack, 10.

Father-in-law Kenneth Mann said: "We understand she took her own life.

"We don't know the exact circumstances but we are all shocked and saddened. Helen had only started work at the school in the summer. We had no idea this was going to happen. We are all absolutely heartbroken.

"She was the loveliest person, nice to everyone. They have two wonderful sons who she loved so much."

West Mercia Police, who do not believe the death is suspicious, have interviewed Mrs Mann's husband, Philip, aged 48, to discover what may have led to the tragedy. Mr Mann, who runs an audio business, is a junior coach at Worcester Rugby Club. It is unclear when the school will reopen. When she first joined the school, Mrs Mann spoke of her hopes for the 109-pupil school. She said at the time: "I am really looking forward to working with everyone."

Verdict of suicide

A MAN locked himself in a tent in his shed and gassed himself using a disposable barbecue, an inquest at Stourport heard.

Worcestershire Coroner Geraint Williams recorded a verdict that Mark Halliday, 47, killed himself at his Redditch home on August 7.

NEWS in brief

Special parade is being planned

SERVING soldiers and veterans will march side by side under new plans to honour their contribution to Staffordshire with a parade next summer.

The parade would pay tribute to the under-threat 3rd Battalion The Mercian Regiment, formerly known as the Staffords, and Staffordshire Regimental Association. Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson is behind the event, which could be held in June.

He said soldiers and veterans would be awarded the freedom of the district.

Garden site is to become 10 flats

TEN apartments will be built on the site of a former garden centre in Stourbridge despite concerns over parking.

They are going to be constructed on land where Hanbury Nursery stood in Worcester Street, just outside the town.

Neighbours had written to the council fearing parked cars on a section of the busy street which is on a bend.

Planning permission was granted.

Helpers wanted for theatre group

VOLUNTEERS are appealing for people to take part in a theatre group run by a Dudley mental health charity.

The organisation Rethink Mental Illness is starting a new drama project called Act Up for Mental Health.

It works with people aged over 18 suffering mental health conditions. Call Sarah Winchurch on 01384 869898.

Entertainment to mark switch-on

HALESOWEN town centre is to stage music and entertainment to mark the Christmas switch-on.

Halesowen Ukulele Band, Ellmfield Community Choir and Halesowen's Got Talent 2012 winner will perform on November 17. The switch-on will take place in Somers Square at 5.30pm but there will be events from 1pm.

Christmas songs

A CHRISTMAS concert will be held in Halesowen next month.

The Client Hills Singers will host the free event at St Saviour's Church, Hagley, on Saturday December 8 at 7.30pm.

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NEWS

Traders want more say on boosting High Street

TRADERS are demanding positions on a committee set up to revive Dudley's High Street inspired by retail guru Mary Portas.

Among the ideas to boost the town is bringing an ice rink at Christmas following the success of similar schemes in Bearwood and Birmingham.

Dudley was given a share of £100,000 from the Government's £10 million High Street Innovation fund along with Wyre Forest. Now more businesses want talks with council officials to submit ideas for the project.

Dudley already has a town centre partnership made up of councillors, traders and other stakeholders looking into the use.

But government officials want new Town Teams established with a wider remit allowing more people to join and have a say.

Bank manager Mike Wilcox, who is also the Lichfield District Council leader, is among those offering to take part.

"We want to work with the council and have two-way dialogue to find the best course of action for Dudley.

"Everyone from market traders to shop owners want to have a say and kick around ideas that may help boost the high street."

Mr Wilcox, who is the manager at HSBC in Dudley High Street, said similar Lichfield resulted in a voucher scheme and an ice rink for Christmas.

Dudley Council deputy leader Councillor Shaukat Ali says officers are still finalising ways more traders could get involved.

Brewing up charity cash

With their mugs are gym members Jean Gomery, Joy Judd and Margaret Jesson with trainer Angela Willington at Energie Fitness

GYM members raised more than £100 with a pink-themed event for the Breast Cancer Awareness charity.

Members and non-members were encouraged to dress up at Energie Fitness for Women, Old Park Road, Dudley, as drinks, cakes and raffle tickets raised cash. Owner of Energie Fitness for Women, Bal Dhillon, said: "As a women-only fitness club we feel very strongly about breast cancer and we wanted to do something as our way to stand up to it.

"We have been overwhelmed by the support and generosity of our members and the public."

Festive feed at college

THE training restaurant at Halesowen College will be given a festive look next month.

Students will launch their Christmas menu on December 11.

The menu will be available until December 14 and then again from December 17 to 20. Call the booking centre on 0121 602 7851 between 8am and 5pm and on 0121 602 7777

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LETTERS

Dudley needs its own theatre

IT seems Dudley Council are adamant the Hippodrome is bulldozed to make way for another car park.

Do they think the residents of this town do not need a venue like this?

Yes, we have the Concert Hall,but that's OK if you want to see a tea dance or a brass band or the occassional B-list star.

We need the Hippodrome so we too can enjoy big scale performances, musicals, concerts and pantos instead of trudging all the way to Wolverhampton or Birmingham.

We had a car park, it used to be Stone Street, but in their wisdom the council chose to block pave it and do nothing with it all year until December,when they erect a half bald Xmas tree with half a dozen lights on it. Their solution? Diagonal parking instead. Genius.

If the council are so eager to get the demolition crews in then take a hard look at the eyesore called Hall Street.

From Cavendish House to there it looks like a scene out of war-torn Iraq.

It is a disgrace and has needed demolishing years ago with the run down flats above boarded up shops. If they want extra parking then build a multi-storey in Flood Street.

Nobody is going to want to walk all the way to the edge of town to the proposed new car park. The Zoo doesn't need extra spaces, neither does the museum. What Dudley does need is investment in a theatre to bring revenue in. We have lost all of our big name stores to coffee shops, charity outlets and bargain stores. We need something for people to want to come to our town for and what better way than the reinvention of a superb, much-missed theatre. Dudley folk are more cultured than the council obviously think we are.

MISS C PAGET
Springfield Crescent

Laudable battle but times have changed

IT'S very commendable of campaigners trying to save Dudley Hippodrome.

They have my utmost admiration in trying to re-establish the venue.

In reality it's not a viable venture, not just because of the current economic situation, but all of life's entertainment has changed so much, particularly in recent years.

Netherton Arts Centre have continually staged outstanding productions to attract all ages, and most have been very successful, as it's a relatively small venue compared with the Hippodrome.

Sadly recently, I went to see Romeo and Juliet revisited, again an outstanding production at the Arts Centre, but there were only 5 rows of seats taken.

So beyond a possible re-opening, how will organisers attract mass audiences?.

JOHN BRENNAN
New resident

LETTERS to the Editor

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MP Dorries shows little self respect

A TV news report about the suspension of the MP Nadine Dorries from the Tory party after she flew to Australia for up to a month to take part in I'm A Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here! the reporter mentioned she could find herself in a tank with snakes and cockroaches.

I would have thought that, as an MP, every day she has spent in the House of Commons will have prepared her perfectly for that particular task and a few more unpleasant ones besides!

On a more serious note, however, regardless of any feeble excuses she will give for her actions, the woman is a disgrace with little or no self respect and, more importantly, she obviously has total contempt for Parliament; the taxpayers who pay her obscene salary and her mid-Bedfordshire constituents.

The minimum punishment this woman should receive, is a one month loss of pay and expenses, and her ultimate punishment should be deselection by her local constituency party (who didn't even know what she intended to do), to be sacked from the Tory party and to lose her seat.

R A SARGEANT
Corporation Road, Dudley

Cost of parking prohibits shopping

I LIKE thousands of other people have stopped shopping at Dudley, Wolverhampton, and the town where I live Kingswinford.

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Morrisons in Kingswinford and Merry Hill both have free car parking. I don't like paying to park my car. My opinion is I pay tax to put it on the road, tax on the insurance, and fuel. Parking is a tax too far.

As for Dudley with no major shops now, half the shops closed and the town looks like something out of Mad Max. They are considering increasing car park charges, but the good news is they are employing extra parking wardens to deter illegal parking, I would suggest they give out cash vouchers to encourage folks to parks in Dudley. Unfortunately I won't be one.

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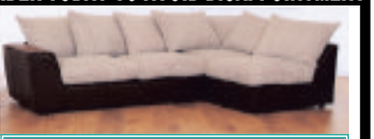

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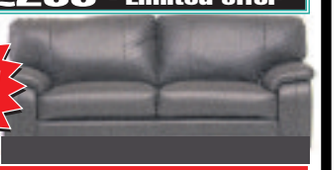

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Architectural group sets sights on the King Arthur

A HERITAGE group which campaigns to preserve post 1914 architecture has spoken out against plans to demolish a Dudley pub.

The Twentieth Century Society says the King Arthur on the junction of Birmingham New Road and Priory Road, Dudley is "an excellent" example of a 1930s roadhouse and should be protected.

An application to flatten the pub has been lodged. But in a letter to the council, the group sheds light on the pub's past and asks for it to be preserved.

It was built in 1939 to the designs of Dudley architects Webb and Gray, who also designed Dudley Police Station and Cradley Heath's Majestic Cinema.

Henrietta Billings, senior caseworker for The Twentieth Century Society, said:

"This 'reformed' or 'improved' public house style, associated with the Public House Improvement Bill of the 1920s, sought to provide spacious family friendly roadside pubs.

"The King Arthur pub is an excellent example of this building type. It also has an unusually complete and largely unaltered exterior for a building of this period.

"In our view the loss of this historic pub building should be strongly resisted."

It is not yet known whether another use for the site has been found.

Ward councillor Alan Finch has already spoken of his shock at hearing the news, saying it was "a shame".

Owner Amrinder Sandhu was granted planning permission for a £3.5 million hotel project in April 2010. Work had been expected to start that summer.

But in September 2010, it was put up for sale with estate agent Christie & Co and then withdrawn.

Help with big clean-up

VOLUNTEERS will be helping with a community clean-up in Halesowen this weekend. To find out more, call Councillor Jill Nicholls on 01384 395823.

Exhibition may be last

Author and artist Fiona Peart with Gina Lee and Shirley Mills at the Kidderminster Art Society lecture and exhibition in Kidderminster Library

ARTISTS have warned their latest event could be their last in Kidderminster as plans to replace its gallery with office space move forward.

Kidderminster Art Society held its latest celebrity lecture at the gallery – but members say they are concerned they may be forced to move on.

The lecture on the use of acrylics was given by artist Fiona Peart and was attended by more 60.

Author of many books on art, Fiona appears regularly on Sky Arts and said she was "delighted" to visit the exhibition held at Kidderminster Library Gallery.

Members of the Society have been exhibiting in the old and new Library Gallery for 83 years. Society vice-president Claire Spencer said: "We have around 70 members and hold regular weekly meetings at Trimpley Hall. The lecture and exhibition opening was well attended.

"This could be our last exhibition at the premises because of the proposed changes and we are concerned that there is no purpose-built space in the centre of Kidderminster.

"We will have to seek another venue but will need some form of hanging or have to use our own screens and unfortunately this would bring about a storage problem." A total of 63 works of art were on show as part of the exhibition which runs until November 29.

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NEWS

School panto time

Stars from the Panto Roadshow Nathan Daniel, Nigel Ellacott and Andrew Ryan dress up 10-year-old pupil Molly Hatfield for their show at the school

THE magic of theatre made its way to Dudley when pantomime performers took to the stage.

Children at Netherton C of E Primary School took part in workshops and watched performances.

The event was staged at the Highbridge Road School by the Pantomime Roadshow group working with Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre.

Stage star Nigel Ellacott, who is appearing as the dame in the theatre's production Jack and the Beanstalk over the festive season, took part in the workshop. Pupils had the chance to see some of the bright costumes being used for this year's show while also learning the history of pantomimes. The performers took part in a question and answer session.

School assistant headteacher Janet Price said: "The children have really enjoyed the day and finding out all about theatre." For details on the pantomime visit www.grandtheatrepanto.co.uk

Landlord has bad punters all shook up with Elvis

A LANDLORD in the Black Country has a novel way of getting rid of troublesome punters frequenting his pub – he plays Elvis Presley music.

by Louise Jew

The licensee of the Hope Tavern in Netherton, Dimmy Sangha, uses the Elvis ploy to get rid of unwanted customers. But local residents are not happy the pub can stay open longer.

They complain that customers from the pub make their lives a "nightmare" and they are in Heartbreak Hotel after Dudley councillors allowed the pub to extend its licensing and music hours.

Dudley Police licensing officer Pc Alan Taylor told the council's licensing sub committee that officers had complaints and information about drug dealing on the car park.

"Also prominent members of a gang are using the premises," said Pc Taylor.

"The licensee told us that, when they come, he plays Elvis music to discourage them." Pc Taylor said police had, over the last 12 months, received 15 main calls to the pub, following complaints of fights, domestic disputes, thefts, damage and loud music.

Mr Sangha originally applied to extend his licence from midnight to 2am on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

He agreed to limit the extension to 1am on Fridays and Saturdays and cut out the extra hours on Sundays.

And the sub committee decided to allow the revised application provided he meets a string of conditions.

Child's toys are stolen in burglary

A CHILD'S bike and scooter have been stolen from a Dudley home. The burglary happened in High Park Crescent, Sedgley, sometime during the night of October 30. The BMX bike and scooter belonged to a 10-year-old. Anyone with information should call police on 101.

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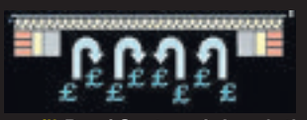

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Hi-tech firefighter fleet will take to the streets

THREE new hi-tech firefighting vehicles will take to the streets, in the second phase of a trial being carried out by West Midlands Fire Service.

The specially-adapted Toyota Hilux Invincibles could be sent to any type of incident reported to the brigade, depending on the information received.

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Station Commander Ben Brook, who is leading on the project, said: "Brigade Response Vehicles give us greater flexibility in how we respond to incidents, and allow us to better match resources to the type of calls we receive and the risk they pose.

"We're continually reviewing how we respond to incidents – from our control room's professional assessment of the information we get from callers, right through to how many vehicles and firefighters we deploy, and from where."

Looking for the owners

Marketing support assistant Helen Taylor with some of the lost items

FORGOTTEN treasures are on display at the Black Country Living Museum where the lost and found department is keen to reunite owners with their property. Over the years the Dudley attraction has had hundreds of items handed in, ranging from toys to mobile phones and false teeth. Marketing assistant Helen Taylor said: "We'd love to be able to return these items to their rightful owners." Anyone who spots their belongings can contact Linda Larner on 0121 557 9643.

Winter advice to elderly

AGE UK Dudley will be staging advice drop-in sessions at libraries across the area to help the elderly stay safe in winter.

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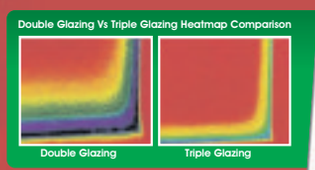

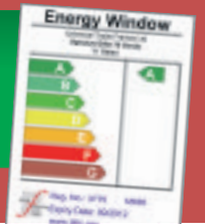

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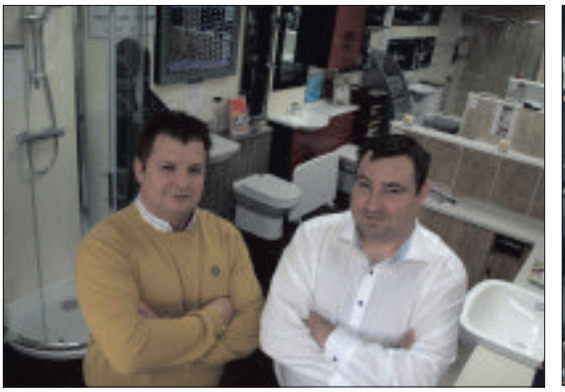
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Man accuses surgeon over breast cancer ops

A 38-year-old Black Country salesman has accused a suspended surgeon of carrying out two unnecessary breast cancer operations on him. Ian Paterson is being investigated by police and health chiefs over treatment of more than 1,000 patients but James Fernihough, of Kingswinford, is believed to be the first man to make a complaint.

by Adam Burling

The father of two daughters, two and five, is talking to Thompsons solicitors, who say the surgeon performed up to 1,150 "unnecessary, inappropriate or unregulated" procedures at NHS and private hospitals.

Mr Fernihough found a lump below his left nipple in 2003.

He was treated privately by Mr Paterson at Little Aston Hospital, Sutton Coldfield and said he was told it needed to be removed without being given a biopsy to check if it was cancerous.

Analysis later showed it was harmless fatty tissue, Mr Fernihough said. "I was just relieved that I didn't have cancer so I thought it was fantastic news and I was really happy," he added.

Three months later he had another lump. Mr Paterson arranged an operation. The lump was fatty tissue.

"He asked me if I wanted him to remove it – he said it was up to me and he couldn't tell me if the lump was something sinister or not," Mr Fernihough said.

Mr Fernihough set a world record and raised thousands for charity lifting more than 500 tons in a 24-hour weightlifting challenge.

Checked

He said surgeons should be checked to ensure they make right choices for patients. A General Medical Council (GMC) inquiry potentially spans up to 700 cases involving breast tissue left after mastectomy, Thompsons say.

Mr Paterson, 54, was suspended by the GMC.

Have your say on council tax rise

RESIDENTS will be given a say on whether council tax in Dudley should be increased in the largest consultation the authority has ever held.

The council recently revealed plans for a further £22 million of cuts – and has admitted that council tax could rise.

But finance chief Councillor Pete Lowe today said thousands of members of the public would be able to air their views. And he insisted their opinions would be taken into account before a decision is made.

Freezing tax for another year could leave the council having to find shortfall of £9m. An increase of under two per cent will mean the council has to find an extra £5m in savings to keep their medium term plan on track.

If the authority has to increase council tax to pay its bills, a rise of more than two per cent would have to be agreed by borough voters at a referendum next year.

Protest at academy bid

Redhill School Concern Group spokeswoman Pauline Faux and organiser Martin Lynch with fellow campaigners

PARENTS staged a town centre demonstration in their battle against plans to turn a Stourbridge secondary school into an academy. Governors at Redhill School will vote later this month on whether the school should opt out of local authority control. But a protest group has been set up against the proposals amid fears there could be "major" changes to how the school is run. Around 30 members of Redhill School Concern Group with placards gathered in Lower High Street, Stourbridge, on Saturday to protest.

Views are sought on town centre blueprints

RESIDENTS are being urged to have their say on a blueprint drawn up to help shape the future of Halesowen town centre.

A consultation on the Halesowen Area Action Plan will run until December 12.

The plan aims to help guide investment and identify where shops, homes and leisure developments will be located.

More than 200 surplus parking spaces have been identified, and it is hoped that some could make way for shops and businesses.

Suggested sites include office block Trinity Point and the High Street car park, which is under-used.

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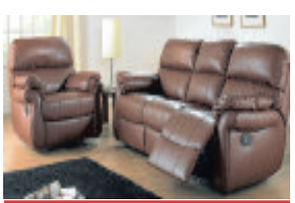
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NEWS

SVR on track for success with Christmas services

SEVERN Valley Railway is on track for a bumper Christmas receiving 500 bookings a day for its traditional festive service.

Bosses at Kidderminster's Severn Valley Railway said 16 of its Santa Special trains had already sold out and most of the seats were taken on a further 16.

A flood of bookings via telephone and internet are being made daily for the service which will run on the four weekends before Christmas. Officials are estimating more than 35,000 passengers will join in the fun.

The special trains will run between Kidderminster and Arley stations.

They say people were booking far earlier this year to ensure a seat – and had already had to post sold-out signs on some of the trains.

The trains will run every weekend from December 1 and 2 to the 22 and 23. A total of 100 Santa Special trains will be running throughout the month.

Prices for the Santa Special trains on December 1 and 2 are £10.50 for adults, seniors and children. All other dates are £11.95.

The railway's three Christmas carol trains, transporting passengers from Kidderminster to Highley stopping at Arley to sing carols, were also selling quickly. And most of the seats have already been taken on the December 22 train.

Christmas Cracker trains which are pre-booked by school parties are also already 85 per cent sold. Visitor Services Manager for the railway David Mee said bookings for the Santa Specials were running around two weeks ahead of last year's figures.

Most abuse calls flawed

MORE than half of all calls made to the NSPCC about child abuse cannot be referred to the police or social services due to lack of information, the charity said.

The organisation is issuing new guidance on how to protect children from sexual abuse as well as advice on reporting suspected cases.

Chandrika ready to run

Chandrika Patel of Dudley aiming for next year's London Marathon

A HOSPITAL worker and mother of three will raise cash for charity after securing a place in next year's London Marathon.

Chandrika Patel, of Dudley, will fulfil a long-time ambition when she takes part in the event on April 21.

The 46-year-old, of Gainsborough Place, is a member of Dudley Kingswinford Running Club and has previously run in half marathons. But this will be the first time she has ever run a full marathon.

Mrs Patel aims to raise £1,500 for the charity Sense and is asking for help from individuals and businesses.

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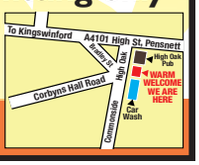

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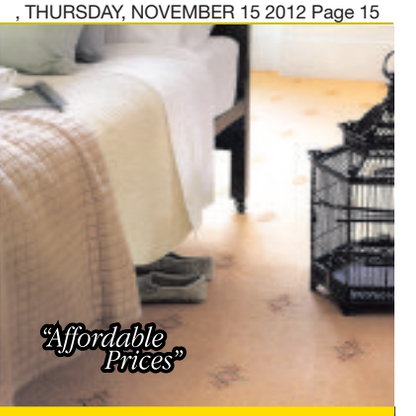

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Work has started on new £3.5m Premier Inn

WORK has started on a new £3.5million hotel that will create 25 jobs at a Dudley business park.

The Premier Inn is being built in the Castlegate Business Park.

Developers say it will provide a huge boost for local businesses and tourism.

West Bromwich construction firm Anglo Holt is building the three-storey hotel.

The 63-bedroom building is expected to be completed in May next year and will include a restaurant.

There will also be a cafe, plus 60 outdoor car parking spaces. The development will be built on land owned by the Homes and Communities Agency.

The plans were given the go-ahead in July by Dudley Council. No objections were lodged about the scheme from the council's highways department or environmental health officers.

Pianist Margaret is back at school to pass on skills

AWARD-winning and critically acclaimed concert pianist Margaret Fingerhut returned to a Stourbridge school with cellist Sagi Hartov, a member of the London Mozart Trio, to perform a recital. The concert, at Oldswinford Hospital School, featured music by Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, Chopin, Liszt, Mendelssohn and Grieg.

"This was an exciting concert, which inspired our students with their colourful choice of pieces from the Romantic era, and the virtuosity of their playing," said Tony Bridgewater, director of music at the school.

The following day, Margaret and Sagi conducted free master classes for 24 students.

Each musician was invited to perform a piece and was then given constructive and friendly advice on how their technique, performance and interpretation could be improved, as well as hearing the other participants in their sessions.

House theft nets £3,500

JEWELLERY worth £2,000 and more than £1,500 cash was stolen during a burglary.

A man was seen with a crowbar around the time the home was raided in Kidderminster Road, Hagley, November 5. Damage of £100 was caused to the front door, and a further £200 damage to the bedroom door.

Items stolen included a princess platinum diamond ring, worth £2,000, a Samsung camera worth £100, £1,500 in sterling and $800 US. Call police on 0300 333 3000.

Bells will chime again after restoration work

BELLS that were lowered from their tower for the first time in more than 120 years have been returned following a major restoration project.

Wear and tear has taken its toll on the bells at Christ Church, Lye, near Stourbridge, over the years – and as a result they are only being rung occasionally. But following a successful fundraising drive – which has raised around £40,000 – restoration work has been carried out to allow them to be chime out again.

by Adam Burling

The bells have been cleaned and tuned before having their clappers replaced. They are now being hoisted into the tower and hung on new bedplates with help of volunteers .

Made in Belgium by manufacturer Severin Van Aerschodt in Leuven, the bells have ornate features, markings and inscriptions, unlike most English-made bells of the 1800s. They vary in size from 77lb to 396lb and are partly made from copper and tin making them lighter than most normal bells.

Parishioners have worked for almost three years to raise £40,000 through donations, grants and fundraising to pay for the work. Events have been held to bring in the much-needed funds, including a music hall and jazz evening, skittles night and quiz evenings. The Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust has given the project £15,000 with £5,000 coming from the Worcestershire and District Change Ringing Association and £5,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation. The rest of the money has been donated to the Church Bells Restoration Project. The replacement pieces, including new headstocks and clappers, had to be specially designed by an expert before they were made. Joists are also to be replaced as the existing ones are from 1885.

Chairman of the church bell restoration project, Bob Field, said: "This is a major scheme which has not only been supported by members of the church but also bell ringing groups across the area."

David Chiswell guides one of the bells up the tower

Andy Gray and David Chiswell lift one of the bells

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Disgust over go-ahead on pub's hours

A GRANDMOTHER who told councillors that customers at a nearby pub made her life a "nightmare" says she is "disgusted" after the landlord was given the go-ahead to extend weekend opening hours to 1am.

Margaret Parker, aged 65, who lives opposite the Hope Tavern in Cinder Bank, told Dudley's licensing sub committee: "I'm in fear of coming out of my house when parties are on there. It's like a living nightmare."

The sub-committee decided to allow the application, provided licensee Dimmy Sangha fulfils a range of conditions, including installing sound limiting equipment.

Art group staging its latest show

MORE than 100 paintings will be on display as a West Midland group holds its latest exhibition.

Hagley Art Club will stage its 23rd annual art exhibition at Hagley Community Hall, Worcester Road.

It will be officially opened at 7.30pm on November 16 by Alistair Taylor of the Bevere Gallery near Worcester.

During the evening he will select his favourite six paintings on display, which will each be classified as "highly commended".

The exhibition will then be open to the public on November 17 and 18 from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free.

Festive card contest

PHOTOGRAPHERS across Dudley can compete to provide the design for the Mayor of Dudley's official Christmas card this year.

Snappers can submit their pictures via Dudley Council's flickr site, with the winning image sent to hundreds of people in the run up to Christmas on the mayoral card.

The Mayor, Councillor Melvyn Mottram, will choose the picture and invite the photographer to a reception at the Council House in Dudley.

Councillor Mottram said: "There are some stunning locations in this borough, and they would look perfect on a Christmas card."

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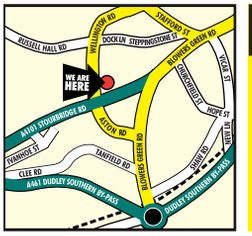

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CLUB NEWS

Talk on holistic therapy

HAWNE 'E' TWG

THE chairman welcomed everyone to the October meeting. Sandra and Mollie were standing in for Sheila and Sandra, who were otherwise engaged.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, there were several matters arising.

Forthcoming trips were finalised, including to Chatsworth House and A Christmas Carol.

Sandra was asked for ideas for entertainment for the Christmas party. The committee will provide presents for each member.

The speaker for this evening was Pat Nock, from Natural Balance.

She described her work as holistic therapy, treating the whole person, and different methods she used to achieve this, from bath oils, reflexology, candles, working on emotions, also Indian head massage with oils, all of these things helped the body to look after itself.

She demonstrated Indian head massage on several of our members, one or two dropping to sleep. It was a very enjoyable and informative evening.

After tea and biscuits, raffle, and sales table, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

The next meeting is on Monday, November 19 and the theme will be silver jewellery.

No hanging around by group on project

The wall hanging made by members of Sedgley evening guild's arts and crafts group

SEDGLEY EVENING TOWNSWOMENS GUILD

THIS wall hanging was made by 25 members of the Guild's arts and craft Group, to be hung on the wall of Sedgley Community Centre where the guild's are and craft meetings are held.

At a recent open day there the group made more than £500 which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, an extremely worthwhile cause.

The centre is run entirely by volunteers and is of a very high standard. The craft group thought it would be a sign of their appreciation to make this hanging to enhance the main hall of the building.

The guild's next meeting will feature a talk by the RSPB. Meetings are held on the third Monday in the month at 7.15pm. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Lottery grant is awarded

WALL HEATH & KINGSWINFORD WAR MEMORIAL RESEARCH GROUP

THIS non-profit making group of volunteers has won a £13,200 Heritage Lottery Fund grant to produce a permanent record of the men from the villages who died in the two world wars.

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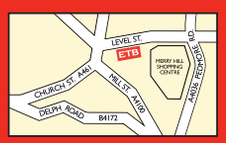

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THE WAY I SEE IT

Privilege to honour heroes of the wars

Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

ON Sunday I was privileged to take part in two Remembrance services in Dudley.

This year Remembrance Sunday fell on November 11 which was the very date in 1918 when hostilities ended in World War One.

At 11am I joined thousands of Dudley residents at Coronation Gardens to pause for the two minute silence to remember those servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. It was incredible to see so many people paying their respects.

As I laid my wreath I reflected on how fortunate we are to live in a country where we take freedom and democracy for granted. We owe an incredible debt to all of the people who fought and died to defend these basic values.

I also thought about the 9,500 dedicated, patriotic service personnel currently serving in Afghanistan.

Their actions seek to provide stability for those whose names they do not know, in the knowledge that we as a country have responsibilities beyond our borders and that our security at home is dependent on those who serve overseas.

Earlier in the day I attended the Grazebrook Remembrance Service at Grazebrook Park which I organise along with Counillors Shaukat Ali, Steve Waltho and Safeena Arshad and the Friends of Buffrey Park. We were joined by Dudley Air Cadets and several local veterans including Gordon Willetts who read the Words of Commemoration.

Local singer Maggie O'Hara closed the service with a beautiful rendition of Abide With Me.

We first organised the service six years ago after organising a campaign to get the memorial cleaned of rubbish and graffiti.

More and more people have attended each year and it is a very dignified and moving community remembrance service.

I was humbled to think of the contribution made by so many Dudley men and women to the cause of freedom and democracy and by the commitment of local people to remember these sacrifices.

Cadet force

During Remembrance week I was delighted to attend the launch of Ellowes Hall's new school cadet force.

The force is the idea of the school's brilliant head Andy Griffiths and pupils will be taught the importance of comradeship, discipline and hard work.

It's another example of why Ellowes can claim to be not just one of the best schools in the Black Country but one of the best state schools in the country.

Elections

People in the West Midlands will be asked to elect a Police and Crime.Commissioner for the first time on Thursday November 15.

It's an important role and it will have a big impact on policing in the West Midlands. The new commissioner will have the power to hire and fire the chief constable, set the force's budget and determine policing priorities.

Labour's Bob Jones has vowed to keep police on the beat, stop the privatisation of core services and protect neighbourhood policing teams.

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Get poppin' and lockin' for hit hip hop show at Grand

SOME Like It Hip Hop, the acclaimed dance musical, is coming to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre next week as part of its first UK tour since wowing dance fans in London.

ZooNation's follow up to their smash hit Into The Hoods, Some Like It Hip Hop blends elements borrowed from Hollywood and Shakespeare with pure dance energy for a story about cross-dressing women taking on a man's world.

Directed by Kate Prince and featuring original music from Josh Cohen and DJ Walde, the show combines comedy, physical theatre and liquid moves from some of the best young hip hop dancers on the UK scene.

Disguise

It tells the story of two bright girls who refuse to be kept down by a society that bans books and treats women as second class citizens, so they disguise themselves as men. Comic confusion results when romance is involved.

Some Like It Hip Hop forges elements from classic Billy Wilder movie Some Like It Hot and Shakespeare's Twelfth Night into a fresh fleet-footed fantasy.

It's at the Grand on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The original Hoodie on Arena stage

ODDSOCKS theatre company return to Wolverhampton with a comic romp taking a sideways look at Britain's most famous legendary outlaw.

Described as an energetic and musical production suitable for all the family, The Adventures of Robin Hood will be staged at Wolverhampton Arena Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, November 21 and 22.

Also returning to the Wulfruna Street venue are acclaimed comedy dance duo Rannel, who tonight (Thursday) make hip hop hilarious with 2Deep, their sequel to the acclaimed Flhip Flhop.

Cinders will go to the ball – Elisha Willis plays the title role in Birmingham Royal Ballet's popular festive production of Cinderella at Birmingham Hippodrome. She will be sharing the role with six other ballerinas during the run *Picture by Bill Cooper*

Invitation to the ball for a traditional ballet treat

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet's sumptuous production of Cinderella returns to the company's home theatre, Birmingham Hippodrome, to usher in the festive season from November 21 to December 9.

The production by the company's director David Bintley got its world premiere in the city in 2010 and was televised on Christmas Day by the BBC.

The fairy tale is given the full glittering treatment and is perhaps only surpassed by family favourite The Nutcracker as the most popular Christmas ballet.

The skill of the dancers and glamorous costumes will be matched by Prokofiev's music, performed by the Royal Ballet Sinfonia.

Ghostly goings-on to explore in town

The latest ghost tour of Dudley takes place on November 28 from 8pm.

The tour starts and finishes in the Station Hotel, at the bottom of Castle Hill, Dudley. It then takes in sites around the town, including Dudley Castle.

There is a discretionary age limit of 14 and over. Some stories contain very mild sexual content.

Due to staircases and the nature of the terrain, it is not recommended for people with walking difficulties, or a heart condition.

Tickets are £8.

To book call 01384 812812.

Mayor is offering cheese and wine

THE Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Melvyn Mottram, will host a charity cheese and wine party in the Mayor's parlour at Dudley Council House on November 28 between 7pm and 9pm.

There is a talk and demonstration by Tom Keys.

Proceeds go to the Mayor's charity appeal.

Tickets costing £5 can be booked on 01384 815211.

Night of comedy

QUARRY Bank's Fizzog theatre grop will perform an evening of Black Country comedy at Ellowes Hall Sports College, Stickley Lane, Gornal, Dudley on November 27. Tickets are available from Changing Rooms, 47a, Kent Street, Upper Gornal.

Treat for fans of big band sound

BIG band fans will be entertained by the classic the classic sounds of the Glenn Miller Orchestra at an event in Dudley.

Band leader Ray McVay will bring the sound of the 1940s to Dudley Town Hall on November 17 at 7.30pm.

The show features the harmonies of the Moonlight Serenaders, along with singers Catherine Sykes and Colin Anthony and Ray Wordsworth with The Uptown Hall Gang.

Tickets cost £18.50 from the box office on 01384 812812.

Motown sounds at the Town Hall

AWARD-winning show Motown and Philadelphia on Tour will be on at Dudley Town Hall from December 8 to 12.

The show, featuring original Drifters member Roy G Hemmings, celebrates 50 years of Motown, with hits by The Supremes and Martha Reeves and the Vandellas.

Tickets are available from 01384 812812 or visit the website www.dudley. gov.uk

Nolans tour off

SINGING sisters The Nolans have cancelled what was billed as their Farewell Tour. It was to have included a concert at Birmingham NIA on March 12. Cancer survivor Bernie Nolan, 52, recently revealed that she faces a new battle against the disease.

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From start to finish

THE principal of a dental clinic is championing a 'Teeth Made in Dudley' campaign for his dentures which have attracted patients from as far away as Spain and Portugal.

His nationally acclaimed prosthetics, prescribed and crafted on the premises in his North Street practice, have also found satisfied people from Dorset, the Isle of Anglesey, the Isle of Skye and London.

Steven Burchell DipCDT RSC(Eng), who first made headlines as "the smile mechanic" ten years ago, has established one of the most high-profile clinics in the West Midlands for his work in resolving denture problems. And the secret of his success, which this year has seen the Denture Clinic buck the national trend and undertake a £1m expansion investment? A seamless service to clients, where they are clinically assessed and have their prescription hand-crafted "all under one roof."

"It's a simple formula," says Steve, "but it has allowed me to be fastidious about the quality of teeth we supply.

"Embracing the disciplines of general dentistry and our specialism in dentures and their manufacture under one roof makes us very different."

Recalling some of his patients, who have literally travelled thousands of miles to have teeth made at the clinic, he says: "In many cases we were their last hope of resolving their problems with our made-in-Dudley teeth."

"We will never compromise on best clinical outcomes," adds Steve. Recently, the clinic has purchased two cutting-edge injection moulding machines which offer patients pin-point fitting accuracy. Steve draws on more than 30 years' experience in all disciplines of dental technology to produce his hallmark "functional, natural-looking teeth."

The options

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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 17.11.12

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Paddy McGuinness

Take Me Out
ITV1, 6.45pm
Does Paddy McGuinness have the best job in telly? As if it's not enough that he gets the rewarding task of playing at being Cilla Black, the comic is constantly surrounded by (on the whole) a bunch of rather easy-on-the-eye girls. It seems a long time ago when walked in the shadow of comic sidekick and best friend Peter Kay. He's lined up four more loveless men for tonight's show: Matt, a trainer fanatic from Leicester; Pete, a builder from Chichester; Sam, a BMX champion from Colchester; and Luke, a student from Surrey.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Baking Made Easy. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Cycling: Track World Cup. **2.00** Live International Rugby Union. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Children in Need: The Best Bits.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present from Wembley Arena, where the couples dance through the decades, from 1920s Charleston to 1970s disco. Kylie Minogue sings an old favourite.

8.00 Merlin. Morgana hatches a plot to murder the king with the help of an insider under her spell – but when a stable hand becomes caught in the crossfire, he threatens to ruin everything.

8.45 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. With a performance by doo-wop group the Overtones.

8.55 Casualty. Tamzin's refusal to treat an aggressive patient has serious repercussions, while Tom and Sam disagree over the best treatment for a patient with a rare genetic disorder.

9.45 Live at the Apollo. New series. Dara O Briain warms up the crowd before introducing stand-up routines by ventriloquist extraordinaire Nina Conti and the irrepressible Danny Bhoy.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Highlights of today's Premier League clashes; National Lottery Update.

12.00 The Football League Show. **1.15** Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00 Film:** That Darn Cat! (1965) **1.50 Film:** Miracle. (2004) **4.00** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Live International Rugby Union. Ireland XV v Fiji (Kick-off 5.30pm).

7.30 Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild. David Attenborough reflects on his TV career, examining the changes in the natural world as well as the developments in wildlife film-making since he began in 1952. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the platoon dress as firemen to take part in an initiative exercise. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

9.00 Formula 1: The United States Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. Jake Humphrey introduces a chance to see the session from the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, where the 19th and penultimate round of the season is set to take place.

10.15 The Rolling Stones: Crossfire Hurricane. Part one of two. Documentary charting the 50-year career of the rock band, with contributions by Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts, Ronnie Wood, Bill Wyman and Mick Taylor.

11.15 Sings the Rolling Stones. Compilation of artists covering classic songs by the Stones, including performances by Gene Pitney, Thelma Houston, Chris Farlowe, Patti Smith, Marianne Faithfull, Devo and Melanie.

12.15 The Rolling Stones: Rock and Roll Circus. (R) **1.20** Later with Jools Holland. (R) **2.25 Film:** Night of the Living Dead. (1968)

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mickey Mouse Clubhouse. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.45** The Hive. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** The Avengers. **7.25** Rated A for Awesome. **7.40** Rated A for Awesome. **7.50** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.05** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.20** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.35** Shake It Up. **9.00** My Phone Genie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** Dinner Date: Australia. **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.10** Holiday Home Sweet Home. **2.10** Holiday Home Sweet Home. **3.10 Film:** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. (2005) **5.15** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.30** ITV News; Weather. **5.45** The Golden Rules of TV.

6.15 New You've Been Framed! Featuring a family having fun with a Taser.

6.45 Take Me Out. A Leicester fitness fanatic, a builder from Chichester, a BMX champion from Colchester and a Surrey student take part in the dating show.

8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary presents the seventh live studio round as the remaining acts battle to win praise from the tough-talking judges and persuade viewers to pick up their phones and vote. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

9.20 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! The famous faces enter their second week in the jungle.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Film: Fast & Furious. (2009) Thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel and Paul Walker.

12.30 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** Channel 4 Presents – Lee. (R) **9.00** T4: Example at iTunes Festival 2012 Special. **9.30** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.35** T4: Suburgatory. **11.15** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.40** Deal or No Deal. **1.45** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. Members of the public reflect on whether faith is a matter of nature or nurture, in light of scientific studies that suggest humans may be programmed from birth to believe in a god.

7.00 Heston's Fantastical Food. Heston Blumenthal is given access to Europe's largest ice-cream factory to build the world's biggest 99 Flake – taller than five metres and weighing in at more than a ton. (R)

8.00 Film: Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. (2009) The shape-changing robots fight for control of a machine hidden somewhere on Earth with the power to destroy planets. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Shia LaBeouf.

10.50 Film: The Crazies. (2010) Premiere. Horror remake, starring Timothy Olyphant.

12.50 Film: Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives. (2010) **2.40** Hollyoaks. **4.45** Countdown. (R) **5.30** Make Do & Mend. (R) **5.55** Channel 4 Presents. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** ThunderCats. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** Highland Emergency. (R) **11.55** Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan. (R) **12.55 Film:** The Train Robbers. (1973) **2.45 Film:** Brannigan. (1975) **4.55** 5 News Weekend. **5.00 Film:** Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes. (1984)

7.40 NCIS. Tony's cover is blown as the hunt for La Grenouille intensifies and his car is later destroyed in an explosion, leaving the rest of the team convinced he is dead. (R)

8.35 NCIS. The agents are called to the scene of a car accident in which a petty officer was killed. (R)

9.25 CSI: NY. A woman who was nearly beaten to death identifies her son as the attacker, but a convicted drug dealer later confesses to the crime, forcing the team to investigate his motives. (R)

10.25 CSI: Miami. Part one of two. The murder of a journalist is linked to a Miami council leader, and Horatio comes up against an old adversary. Guest starring Malcolm McDowell.

11.20 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Part two of two. Brass fights for his life after being shot, while the team tries to focus on investigating the death of a man decapitated on a train track. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 International Rugby Union **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.45 Film:** Bruce Almighty (2003) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey, Jennifer Aniston and Morgan Freeman. **11.20** Family Guy

BBC Four
7.00 Metalworks! – The Golden Age of Silver **8.00** Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity **9.00** The Killing III **11.00** Chateau Chunder: When Australian Wine Changed the World

ITV2
4.35 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **5.35 Film:** The Flintstones (1994) **7.20 Film:** Dragonheart (1996) Fantasy adventure, starring Dennis Quaid and featuring the voice of Sean Connery. **9.20** The Xtra Factor **10.20** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.25** Take Me Out – The Gossip

ITV3
3.50 Agatha Christie's Marple **5.55** Murder, She Wrote **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Bomb Girls **11.00 Film:** The Portrait of a Lady (1996)

ITV4
2.05 Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **4.20 Film:** The Battle of Midway (1976) **7.00** The Motorbike Show **8.00** River Monsters **9.00 Film:** Firefox (1982) **11.45** Hamish & Andy's Euro Gap Year

E4
3.30 Made in Chelsea **4.30** Baggage **5.35** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Rules of Engagement **9.00** Rude Tube **10.05 Film:** Shooter (2007)

Film4
2.50 Post Grad (2009) **4.35** The Day After Tomorrow (2004) **7.05** Big Momma's House (2000) **9.00** Hush (2008) **10.45** Pitch Black Heist **11.00** Don't Look Now (1973)

What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 18.11.12

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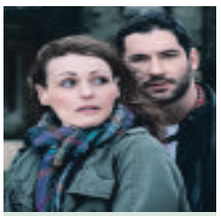

Suranne Jones

The Secret of Crickley Hall
BBC1, 9pm

If there's one upside to the dark, cold November nights, it's that they provide the perfect conditions for snuggling up on the sofa and watching a spooky drama. Suranne Jones and Tom Ellis star as Eve and Gabe, a London-based couple who move to the north, hoping a change of scene will help them recover from the mysterious disappearance of their young son. Sadly, their new home of Crickley Hall proves anything but comforting, as things go bump in the night – and flashbacks to 1943 suggest the building could have a tragic history.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.25** Countryfile. (R) **1.20** Bargain Hunt. **2.20** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.20** Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) **4.20** Lifeline. **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.20** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) **5.50** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.20 Countryfile. John Craven and Julia Bradbury are in rural Leicestershire, visiting an Army training camp for dogs and horses, as well as planting 3,000 saplings in an empty field. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Another couple leave and Girls Aloud perform.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team arrives at the National Maritime Museum Cornwall in Falmouth, where objects include a diamond and gold ring with a grim family history. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

9.00 The Secret of Crickley Hall. New series. Drama about a grieving London couple haunted by the children who lived in their house during the war. Suranne Jones, Tom Ellis, Olivia Cooke and Douglas Henshall star.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Formula 1: The United States Grand Prix – Highlights.

12.25 Film: Hooper. (1978) **2.00** Weatherview. **2.05** Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) **3.05** The Paradise. (R) **4.05** Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off Masterclass. (R) **12.30** International Rugby Union. **1.30** Cycling: Track World Cup. **5.15** Coast. (R) **5.30** Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. (R)

6.30 Fawlty Towers. Basil decides to enhance the hotel's reputation with an exclusive night of gourmet cuisine. Unfortunately, his new chef is distracted by hapless waiter Manuel. (R)

7.00 Operation Iceberg. Part two of two. The team boards an iceberg to determine what causes them to decay, and Chris Packham takes to the skies to conduct a polar-bear census. (R)

8.00 Sandy: Anatomy of a Superstorm. Documentary using satellite imagery, CGI mapping and personal testimonies to give an account of the effects on New York State of the storm surge caused by Hurricane Sandy.

9.00 Dragons' Den. Ideas and innovations include an update of the paintbrush, a new type of glove for golfers, a driving school for 14-year-olds and an electronic bed stored in the ceiling.

10.00 Harry & Paul. The duo reinvent themselves as Ricky Gervais.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Highlights of Fulham v Sunderland.

11.20 Hebburn. Jack spends his first day as editor of the Hebburn Advertiser. (R)

11.50 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With guest host Richard Ayoade. (R)

12.20 Film: My Year Without Sex. (2009) **1.50** BBC News. **4.35** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Engie Benjy. **6.10** Jungle Junction. **6.25** Jungle Junction. **6.35** Signed Stories. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **6.55** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **7.25** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **8.00** Phineas and Ferb. **8.15** Phineas and Ferb. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** Good Luck Charlie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **10.25** Dinner Date. **11.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.25** Countrywise. **12.40** ITV News; Weather. **12.55 Film:** Carry On Henry. (1971) **2.40** The X Factor. (R) **4.00** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **5.00** The Nation's Favourite Number 1 Single. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Surprise Surprise. With One Direction, Team GB hockey players and the 60 Minute Makeover crew.

8.00 The X Factor Results. Another elimination and more performances by chart-topping stars.

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! The latest stories from the Australian jungle and another unlucky celebrity faces a Bushtucker Trial to earn food for their hungry fellow campers.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Patsy Palmer. The EastEnders star talks about her career and personal life. (R)

11.45 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Highlights of the second round of pool matches.

12.40 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.40** Motorsport UK. **3.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Extreme Sailing Series. **7.30** Sailing: America's Cup Discovered. (R) **7.55** Channel 4 Presents – Oscar. (R) **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. **12.25** The Simpsons. **12.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.10** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **3.40** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **4.10** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **4.40** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **5.10** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **5.40 Film:** Home Alone. (1990)

7.40 Channel 4 News.

7.55 4thought.tv. Members of the public ask whether faith is a matter of nature or nurture, in light of recent scientific studies that suggest humans may be programmed from birth to believe in a god.

8.00 How Britain Worked. Guy Martin helps with the restoration of the oldest surviving Brixham sailing trawler and discovers how Britain acquired its taste for fish and chips.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie and the team struggle to regain control of the operation, Saul visits Aileen Morgan in solitary confinement and Dana presses Finn to come clean about the hit-and-run.

10.00 Film: Watchmen. (2009) At the height of the Cold War, former superheroes discover a conspiracy when one of their number is murdered. Comic-book drama, starring Patrick Wilson and Jackie Earle Haley.

1.05 American Football Live. **4.45** Grudge Match. (R) **4.55** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.50** Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie. (R) **5.55** The Treacle People. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Olive the Ostrich. **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Animal Antics. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Mio Mao. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** ThunderCats. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Meals in Moments. (R) **11.30** Rolf's Animal Clinic. (R) **12.35 Film:** You've Got Mail. (1998) **2.50 Film:** Open Season. (2006) **4.35 Film:** Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle. (2003)

6.40 5 News Weekend.

6.45 Film: Stealth. (2005) Action adventure, with Jamie Foxx.

9.00 Film: Unforgiven. (1992) Two gunslingers help a bounty hunter kill a pair of cowboys who attacked a prostitute. Western, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Gene Hackman and Morgan Freeman.

11.30 Hatfields & McCoys. Anse sends his men out to kill Randall. (R)

12.30 How Do They Do It? (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Snog, Marry, Avoid? **8.00** Gavin & Stacey **9.00** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents **10.00** Him & Her **11.00** American Dad! **11.45** Family Guy

BBC Four
7.00 The Last Days of Steam **8.00** Michael Wood: The Story of India **9.00** From the Sea to the Land Beyond: Storyville **10.15 Film:** Undertow (2009) **11.50** Michael Wood: The Story of India

ITV2
3.10 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **4.55** Take Me Out **6.05** Take Me Out – The Gossip **6.50 Film:** Twins (1988) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Results **10.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** Girlfri3nds

ITV3
2.55 A Touch of Frost **4.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Lewis. A college master is found dead at the university's astronomical observatory. **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Cracker

ITV4
2.55 Film: Aces High (1976) **5.15 Film:** Dunkirk (1958) **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Resident Evil (2002) **11.00 Film:** Bride of Chucky (1998)

E4
3.25 Charlie's Angels **4.20** Made in Chelsea **5.20** Scrubs **5.50** Suburgatory **6.20** The Big Bang Theory **8.20 Film:** Hot Shots! (1991) **10.00** Misfits **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.30** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
3.10 Crocodile Dundee (1986) **5.10** Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) **6.55** Employee of the Month (2006) **9.00** Patriot Games (1992) Political thriller, starring Harrison Ford. **11.15** After the Sunset (2004)

What's On!

Film Choices

Monday
A Few Good Men, Channel 5, 11.05pm
Three Navy lawyers are assigned to defend two marines accused of murdering a comrade-in-arms. Their investigation unearths evidence that the defendants may have been acting under orders, which points to a trail of corruption leading all the way to a top-ranking officer. Drama based on Aaron Sorkin's stage play, starring Tom Cruise, Demi Moore, Kevin Pollack, Jack Nicholson, Kiefer Sutherland and Kevin Bacon. (1992)

Tuesday
Hollywoodland, BBC1, 11.40pm
Fact-based mystery focusing on the life and sudden death of actor George Reeves, famed for his role as Superman in the 1950s TV series. The story is told in flashback through the eyes of a private investigator hired by Reeves' mother to unearth the truth surrounding his mysterious fate. Starring Adrien Brody, Diane Lane, Ben Affleck, Bob Hoskins, Robin Tunney, Molly Parker, Kathleen Robertson and Lois Smith. (2006)

The Transporter, Wednesday, Channel 5, 9pm

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An underworld courier lives by a simple code – to never ask what he is transporting. However, when he discovers his latest cargo is alive, his conscience gets the better of him and he faces a dangerous game of cat and mouse with his unknown but powerful employers. Action adventure, starring Jason Statham, Shu Qi, Matt Schulze, Francois Berleand, Ric Young, Doug Rand, Didier Saint Melin and Tonio Descanvelle. (2002)

Thursday
Navy Seals, Channel 5, 10pm
The US Navy's elite commando force embarks on a dangerous covert mission to rescue hostages from an Arab terrorist in Beirut. However, the assignment proves far more serious than expected when they realise their enemies have acquired powerful stolen missiles. Action adventure, starring Charlie Sheen, Michael Biehn, Bill Paxton, Joanne Whalley, Rick Rossovich, Cyril O'Reilly, Dennis Haysbert and Nicholas Kadih. (1990)

Friday
Accepted, ITV1, 11.10pm
A high-school student denied a place at any of his chosen colleges resolves to set up an educational institution of his own in collaboration with slacker friends. The ingenious misfits go to great lengths to convince their parents of the college's authenticity, despite its unorthodox curriculum. Comedy, starring Justin Long, Jonah Hill, Adam Herschman, Columbus Short, Maria Thayer, Lewis Black, Blake Lively and Mark Derwin. (2006)

Pick of the Week

The past comes back to haunt grieving parents

Many parents will struggle to think of anything more terrifying than their child going missing, but The Secret of Crickley Hall somehow manages it.

Based on a novel by horror king James Herbert, the three-part drama follows a couple who lose their son, and then move into a haunted house.

But while it may sound like a nightmare, it's part of what attracted Suranne Jones to the drama.

She explains: "I think that's the backdrop of any good ghost story – a missing child or some sort of trauma that kind of helps the audience relate to the characters."

So, viewers should prepare to have their bones chilled by this tale of Eve (Jones) and Gabe (Tom Ellis), who live in London with their three children.

One day an exhausted Eve is in a playground with their son Cam, and briefly falls asleep – and when she wakes, the youngster is nowhere to be seen. Although the family cling to the hope that he will be found alive, almost a year passes with no news.

Gabe eventually accepts a new job in the north, believing his wife and two daughters, Loren and Cally, will benefit from a change of scene.

Unfortunately, it seems he may have made the wrong decision in moving to Crickley Hall, which turns out to have a sinister past.

Running parallel to Gabe and Eve's story are the events of 1943, when Crickley Hall was an orphanage, run by Augustus Cribben (Douglas Henshall) and his sister Magda (Sarah Smart).

New tutor Nancy (Olivia Cooke) suspects the children are being mistreated, but no one seems to believe her.

And when back in 2012, Cally and Loren experience visions of a man with a cane, it seems the time periods may not be as remote as we thought.

For Suranne Jones, it's the two timelines that make the drama so unique. "When I read the script, I'd never done anything in the ghost genre, and the narrative of a woman losing her child was the strong bit for me, as well as the two time frames.

"You're following a woman's desperation, but then you'll also see what she doesn't see."

And unlike in most horror films, where you're screaming at the characters to just get out of the haunted house, Eve has a reason for sticking around, even after the family dog runs off in terror.

She becomes convinced that one of the ghostly presences in Crickley Hall is her son Cam, who seems to be telling her that the children hold the key to his disappearance and can tell her where he is…

If it sounds creepy on the page, it should be even more unsettling on screen, and Jones admits she can't wait to see the finished product.

"The CGI guys will get on top of it, there'll be a brilliant composer, the editing will be great… I mean we need to do our job as well, but those are the things that are going to make it jumpy along the way."

Don't say you haven't been warned.

Iain de Caestecker, Maisie Williams, Bill Milner and Pixie Davies also star.

Suranne Jones stars in The Secret of Crickley Hall, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

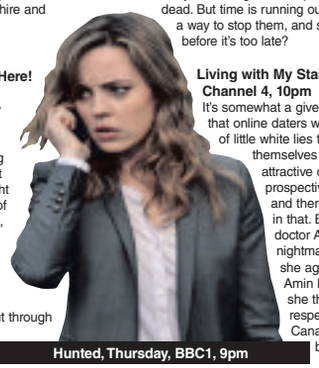
Best of the Rest

Monday
The All New Gadget Show
Channel 5, 8pm
Christmas has definitely come early for Jason Bradbury and Pollyanna Woodward. They are off to Israel, where they test two of the latest underwater cameras in the Red Sea. (Clearly their local swimming baths wasn't deemed exotic enough). If you're one of the few people in the world thinking: 'What's the best blender to make a decent leek smoothie, and what battery-powered torch is powerful enough to fry an egg on?', then you're in luck as Jason provides the answer to both questions. The main purpose of the trip is to visit Israel's annual Kinnernet networking event for technology enthusiasts. Jason tries out his powered kiteboard, and there's also a guide to powering a mobile phone using water.

Stephen Fry: Gadget Man
Channel 4, 8.30pm
A few years ago Stephen Fry presented a countdown of the 100 greatest gadgets for Channel 4. Now he's back with another strand bound to appeal to those of us whose rooms are usually lit up like Christmas trees with all the things on charge. He'll be sharing his passion for technology, trying out all manner of gizmos and prototypes, as well as attempting to create his own supergadget. Jonathan Ross joins him for the inaugural edition, and they examine how the daily commute can be made more bearable. The world's smallest electric car, an unusual bicycle and a 3D headset are scrutinised, and Stephen designs a fantasy vehicle that would avoid the horrors of traffic jams.

Tuesday
Last Tango in Halifax
BBC1, 9pm
Don't panic – despite the title, the plot won't involve any naughtiness in a West Yorkshire town. Instead, this six-part romantic comedy focuses on the rather touching tale of Celia Dawson and Alan Buttershaw, former lovers who haven't seen each other for 60 years. After chatting on Facebook, they decide to meet up again, and discover they were kept apart all those decades ago by a simple twist of fate. What's more, their old, passionate feelings for each other are immediately reignited. Anne Reid, Derek Jacobi, Sarah Lancashire and Nicola Walker head the cast.

Wednesday
I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!
ITV1, 8.30pm
This time last year much of Blighty was hooked on the site of Jessica Jane Clement and Mark Wright wearing trousers full of water trying to complete their latest trial. Well, it was nothing if not original. The sight of Sinitta stood all night in a cave of creepy crawlies was also good fun, and who could forget eventual winner Dougie Poynter racing round what looked like a rat's maze trying to collect stars for the evening meal? By now we'll have seen all manner of Z-list celebs put through their paces, while Ant and Dec commentate on their progress.



Hunted, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm

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BBC1, 9pm
It's fair to say that most of Melissa George's best roles have come on the small screen – she's been particularly fine in this gritty drama, which has buried memories of her role as Angel in Home and Away once and for all. This is the final episode, and it promises to be gripping stuff – Sam is exposed as a spy and trapped inside the house where she is slowly, and secretly, being poisoned to death. Her memory also begins to return, and it's then that she realises why the Hourglass conspirators want her dead. But time is running out – can she find a way to stop them, and save herself, before it's too late?

Living with My Stalker
Channel 4, 10pm
It's somewhat a given these days that online daters will tell a couple of little white lies to make themselves sound a more attractive option to prospective partners – and there's no real harm in that. But for trainee doctor Alison Hewitt, the nightmare began when she agreed to meet Al Amin Dhalla – who she thought was a respectable Canadian businessman. As it turned out, Dhalla's entire life story was based on lies – but Alison and her family didn't know the half of it. After the couple broke up, it became clear that the Dhalla wouldn't stop at anything to get her back, including poison pen letters, arson, building a torture chamber and eventually hiring a hit man.

Friday
Have I Got News for You
BBC1, 9pm
Now pay attention comedy fans. What we have here is a half hour collection of topical news stories lined up in the satirical crosshairs of agents Ian Hislop, Paul Merton and their guests – comedian Marcus Brigstocke and journalist Rachel Johnson. The quartet will be trying to guess what happened next, the missing headlines and assorted other teasers posed by this week's celebrity guest host – James Bond legend Roger Moore.

Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild
BBC2, 9pm
The word 'legend' gets bandied around a lot in TV, but if there is one man who deserves the term, it's David Attenborough. Not only has he been on our screens for an impressive 60 years, his programmes have helped to advance our understanding of the world around us – and there are very few celebs who can say that. However, it seems David continues to amass his learning, as he looks back at some of the scientific breakthroughs that have been made during his decades on the air. And it's not just the theories and scientific concepts that have changed – there have also been extraordinary advances in filming.

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Brain Gym No.195

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. This will fix the pitch - it's almost split (4)
8. Mad reason for railstock (10)
9. Plates made to suit the palate (8)
10. Part of Nassau radiates a particular atmosphere (4)
12. Crazy about the girl affected by a crush! (6)
14. Completely assimilate a summary (6)
15. The man who holds the money-bags on board? (6)
17. Rocket an astronomical distance from the Earth (6)
18. Make a sly observation both ways (4)
19. This sort of portrait is completely countenanced (4-4)
21. In the main, these are disastrous losses (10)
22. Don't reveal the sources of leather (4)

Down

2. It's true I alter a variety of printed matter (10)
3 & 20 Dn. What can be obtained from sole distributors! (4-4)
4. Scratched, but collected points (6)
5. Think the advertisement outside created a diversion (6)
6. Could this sort of play have a crooked plot? (8)
7. Sounds like one who listens to the goddess (4)
11. Limited the others with direct arrangement (10)
13. This may provide a flower spray in the garden (4-4)
16. About to shape a policy for improvement (6)
17. Sun spot providing comfort (6)
18. Adopt an attitude to set somebody a problem (4)
20. See 3 Down

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Leave (4)
8. Unsurpassed (10)
9. Cannibal (3-5)
10. Gloomy (4)
12. Precious metal (6)
14. Make possible (6)
15. Transgressor (6)
17. Sermonise (6)
18. Boast (4)
19. Lamentation (8)
21. Emendation (10)
22. Profound (4)

Down

2. Strange (10)
3. Weary (4)
4. Acrimonious (6)
5. Savage (6)
6. Ironmongery (8)
7. Summit (4)
11. Unwillingness (10)
13. Sour (8)
16. Discard (6)
17. Allow (6)
18. Support (4)
20. Repair (4)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Atlas; 8 Inherit; 9 Packing; 10 Rower; 12 Hand-to-hand; 15 On the shelf; 18 Tiara; 19 Usurper; 21 Shellac; 22 Nylon. Down: 1 Camping out; 2 Slack; 3 Asti; 4 Singed; 5 Charcoal; 6 Crowbar; 11 Red herring; 13 Amenable; 14 Steamed; 16 Haunch; 17 Apple; 20 Urns. QUICK - Across: 7 Local; 8 Younger; 9 Opulent; 10 Gates; 12 Speculator; 15 Upside-down; 18 Dress; 19 Segment; 21 Private; 22 Irate. Down: 1 Bloodhound; 2 Occur; 3 Else; 4 Mystic; 5 Bungalow; 6 Agitate; 11 Strengthen; 13 Pedestal; 14 Ascetic; 16 Dispel; 17 Legal; 20 Grim.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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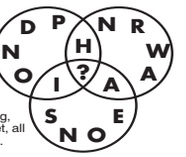
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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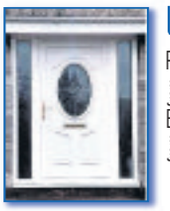

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WOODSETTON
EVE LANE

★ Semi Detached
★ Sizeable Plot
★ Hall ★ Lounge
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★ Bathroom
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- Three bedrooms with fitted wardrobes

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- Low maintenance gardens

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NEW

3 BEDROOMS

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- A superb, extended 1930's detached home
- Fully refurbished approximately 7 years ago
- Charming family home which oozes character
- Large frontage

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NEW

4 BEDROOMS

Water Street, KINGSWINFORD

- Period semi-detached family home
- Extended and well presented over three floors
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- Lounge, open plan kitchen diner
- Bathroom

Offers Around £174,950

NEW

4 BEDROOMS

St James's Road, DUDLEY

- A grand Period semi-detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- AWARD WINNING GARDENS
- Driveway and garage
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers Around £199,950

NEW

3 BEDROOMS

Marlow Close, NETHERTON

- An extended semi-detached home
- Cul-de-sac loation and NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Two reception rooms, dining kitchen, utility
- Bathroom, down stairs shower room
- Garage and long drive

Offers Around £146,950

NEW PRICE

4 BEDROOMS

Priory Road, DUDLEY

- Fabulous spacious detached family home
- Extensively and stylishly refurbished
- Through lounge/dining room, conservatory
- Superb dining kitchen, utility and shower room
- Garage, driveway and large rear gardens
- NO CHAIN. READY TO MOVE INTO

Offers Around £269,000

NEW

2 BEDROOMS

Cradley Road, NETHERTON

- Detached Period Bungalow
- Two double bedrooms
- Fully refurbished and ready to move into
- Low maintenance gardens
- Driveway and garage

Offers Around £124,950

NEW **Louise House, High Street, PENSNETT**

2 BEDROOMS

- A LARGE Modern First floor Apartment
- NO UPWARD CHAIN with VACANT POSSESSION
- Two spacious double bedrooms
- Lounge, hallway and dining kitchen
- Allocated parking space and communal gardens

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NEW PRICE **Rough Hill Drive. ROWLEY REGIS**

2 BEDROOMS

- Detached modern bungalow
- Elevated views and secluded location
- Large gardens, driveway, garage
- Two bedrooms, shower room
- Lounge and Conservatory

£199,950

NO CHAIN **Falcon Way, Russells Hall, DUDLEY**

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NEW PRICE **Watsons Green Road, DUDLEY**

2 BEDROOMS

- Two bedroom terraced house
- In need of updating
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- Rear garden, double glazed, extended

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NEW PRICE **The Broadway, DUDLEY**

3 BEDROOMS

- Period semi-detached family home
- Through lounge/dining room
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Oversized tandem garage.

£137,500

NO CHAIN **Tansey Green Road, Pensnett**

4 BEDROOMS

- Extended traditional semi-detached house
- Three bedrooms plus loft room
- Two reception rooms and an extended kitchen/diner
- Fabulous views to rear plus potential garage space

£134,950

NO CHAIN **Kenilworth Court, DUDLEY**

2 BEDROOMS

- Spacious first floor maisonette
- Two double bedrooms and shower room
- Lounge/dining room and kitchen
- Garden and store to rear
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£64,950

Mace Street, CRADLEY HEATH

2 BEDROOMS

- Two Bedroom end terraced home
- Well presented, GCH and DG
- Long rear gardens
- Lounge, dining kitchen and cellar

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Limepit Lane, DUDLEY

4 BEDROOMS

- Unique, surprisingly spacious layout
- Two reception rooms and Four bedrooms
- Shower Room and Bathroom
- Close proximity to Bishop Milner

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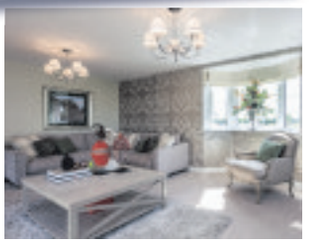

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- Viewing highly recommended

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MASLIN DRIVE
- Well maintained traditional family house
- Spacious lounge/dining room
- Extended modern kitchen
- Three bedrooms
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- Extra wide garage with utility facitlies at rear
- Off road parking

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LANESFIELD

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- Extended to the rear
- Low Maintenance garden
- Driveway parking
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- Dining kitchen
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DIBDALE STREET

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WHITEHALL DRIVE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached Residence•Two Reception Rooms•Fitted Kitchen•First Floor Bathroom Having White Suite•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Elevated Views To Side•Integral Garage•Driveway

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•An Extended Bay Fronted Semi Detached•Three Bedrooms•Study/Bedroom Four•Lounge & Dining Areas•Extended Fitted Kitchen•Extended Ground Floor Cloakroom•Four Piece Bathroom•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Driveway

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Halesowen Road Netherton 239,950

This unique detached property with in and out drive, benefits from a garden room overlooking beautiful gardens. With two reception rooms, three bedrooms and a study this property must be viewed to appreciate its potential.

Abbotsford Drive 229,950

A much improved three bedroom detached dormer bungalow, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, fitted kitchen, bedroom three/study, conservatory, first floor two double bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing recom-

Poplar Rise Tividale 204,950

Plot 1 Barley Fields. Southwold A four bedroom detached home with integral garage

New Birmingham Road 175,000

A traditional detached property, accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen, verandah, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, separate w.c., driveway giving off road parking, garage, gardens to the front and rear, central heating as specified.

Dudley Wood Avenue Dudley Wood 179,950

Set in a cul-de-sac location this extended semi detached three bedroom property benefits from spacious off road parking and garage, tiered rear garden, extended kitchen and sun room, ideal family home. Must be viewed.

Porthkerry Grove Sedgley 169,950

An attractive much improved semi detached property on the popular Brownswall Estate. This property has been modernised throughout and benefits from an extended second reception room, garage and off road parking. NO UPWARD CHAIN,MUST BE VIEWED.

Keats Drive Coseley 134,950

A well presented semi detached property, comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining area, kitchen, first floor having three bedrooms, bathroom and separate w.c, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, central heating. Viewing Highly Recommended.

Packwood Road Tividale

Benefiting from a garage, off road parking, laundry room, front and rear gardens this three bedroom semi detached property is an ideal first time buyers purchase or family home. Must be viewed.No upward chain.

Kipling Road The Straits 159,950

Viewing is highly recommended on this stylish modernised semi detached property on the popular Straits Estate accommodation comprises, hallway, lounge, kitchen diner, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & garage, garden to the rear, central heating, double glazing.

Hill Road Tividale 119,950

A modern end town house, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, fitted kitchen, first floor landing lounge and bedroom, second floor having two bedrooms & bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Corbyn Road Russells Hall 119,950

A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises hall, through lounge, refitted kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and refitted bathroom, driveway, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Property must be viewed.

Selbourne Road Dudley 119,950

In need of renovation this property is ideal for those wanting a project. Benefiting from two reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility through to garden, this spacious period style house is a must buy. With unusually spacious living accommodation this property must be viewed.

Attingham Drive 114,950

A modern mid terrace property on a popular residential development, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, w.c., two bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, heating to radiators. Allocated parking space. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Kenelm Road Coseley 89,950

A traditional semi detached property briefly comprising entrance hall, through lounge, extended kitchen, first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway giving off road parking, garden to rear. Central heating and double glazing as specified. No upward chain.

Bean Road 89,950

An ideal FIRST TIME PURCHASE this mid terrace property has a lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing as specified, front and rear garden and allocated parking space. Viewing highly recommended

Bunns Lane 72,950

A mid terrace property in need of modernisation. Comprising hall, lounge, 3 bedrooms and bathroom.

Fiveways Court Lower Gornal 69,950

50 % Shared Ownership. A well presented two and a half storey mid terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, kitchen, cloakroom, lounge, first floor having two bedrooms & bathroom, second floor having master bedroom, allocated parking, garden to the rear.

Merryfield Road Russells Hall 44,950

A first floor flat one bedroom flat, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. Ideal first time buyers property, ideal investment property. Viewing highly recommended. No upward chain.

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Dingle View

ENVIABLY SITUATED on periphery of countryside with MAGNIFICENT VIEWS at head of cul-de-sac. Exceptionally well maintained, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed accommodation provides; glazed entrance vestibule, traditional reception hall, lounge, 20 ft dining kitchen with further cupboards, bathroom, two generous bedrooms (one with wardrobes). To the first floor; landing, spacious principal bedroom with wardrobe recess, separate toilet, "walk through" linen store, and 17 ft boarded/plastered loft space (with window) offering tremendous potential. Large 24'8" x 11'1" garage, gardens to front, side & rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £249,950

WORDSLEY

Mellowdew Road

A rare opportunity to purchase a SUBSTANTIAL MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW within this highly sought after address, only a short walk from local shops and a bus route within nearby Lawnswood Road and offering MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation which requires some updating, but offers FANTASTIC POTENTIAL for improvement, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, very large lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, separate dining room / sitting room, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, white bathroom with separate shower, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Having low maintenance fore garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and attractively landscaped rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£199,950

WALL HEATH

Newbridge Road

A BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED and DECEPTIVE MODERN DORMER SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW which enjoys a fantastic location within easy reach from schooling and friendly village shops/amenities, offering an EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE layout of VERSATILE accommodation which includes: entrance hall, fantastic large lounge, dining room, luxury refitted and enlarged kitchen, SPACIOUS CONSERVATORY, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE W.C), beautifully refitted bathroom with separate shower, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is set back beyond the DRIVEWAY, front garden, SIDE GARAGE and a very pleasant enclosed rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£174,950

KINGSWINFORD

Catesby Drive

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is pleasantly located within this cul de sac address upon prestigious Charterfields , now offering a SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED and IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance hall, ground floor W.C, spacious large lounge, attractively refitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, office / bedroom 4, THREE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. With lawned fore garden and patio / lawned rear garden with GARAGE to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£164,950

KINGSWINFORD

4 BEDROOMS

Oregon Close

BACKING ONTO ATTRACTIVE WOODLAND with this pleasant cul de sac setting upon the fringe of Crestwood Park , this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, NOW INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS & ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED MODERN FOUR BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers WELL APPOINTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, large lounge with dining area off, conservatory extension, extended and refitted kitchen, FOUR BEDROOMS and attractively fitted bathroom. With attractive fore garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and enjoying a low maintenance rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£154,950

WOODSETTON

Bourne Street

This traditional style, bay fronted detached family home now requires sympathetic modernisation/improvement yet offers excellent potential. The property is situated in apopular residential location & briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, larger than average garage/secure parking to rear & low maintenance gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £125,000

COSELEY

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached bungalow forms part of a development of just three properties 'tucked away' just off Clifton Street & is well worthy of internal inspection. The property is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, splendid CONSERVATORY addition, two good bedrooms, wet room, block paved driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £144,950

WOODSETTON

Bermuda Close

A meticulously maintained, ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in short cul de sac presented in superb order throughout comprising entrance hallway, cloaks cupboard, lounge, transverse refitted dining kitchen, inner lobby, shower/wet room, three bedrooms, recently reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage, block paved drive, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £137,950

LOWER GORNAL

Sandstone Close

Occupying a corner plot & situated in a quiet cul de sac whilst remaining convenient for local amenities, a beautifully presented & conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated three bedroom end townhouse has been significantly improved/updated in recent years and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property comprises entrance porch, hall stylish lounge, splendid refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of units, THREE BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom with white suite, burglar alarm, GARAGE & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

WORDSLEY

Tack Farm Road

Enjoying a PLEASANT OPEN REAR ASPECT within this popular and established address, this ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOME offers a GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious full depth lounge with ample dining space, attractively refitted kitchen with built-in appliances, separate utility room, TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted Classic white bathroom. Gently elevated and set back beyond the lawned fore garden and enjoying a patio / lawned rear garden with ENCLOSED REAR PARKING SPACE. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£114,950

NETHERTON

Talbot Road

This well presented, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home provides surprisingly spacious living accommodation, and may represent an ideal first time buy. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: entrance hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite and rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£104,950

BRIERLEY HILL

Fens Crescent

Pleasantly situated within this established address, this VERY WELL ARRANGED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME, affords a layout with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND MAJORITY UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: Hall, lovely sitting room, stunning re-fitted kitchen, two good first floor bedrooms and white bathroom. Large front drive providing vehicular parking and enclosed rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£84,950

NETHERTON

Norton Crescent

This uPVC double glazed, three bedroomed, mid-terraced property has a gas central heating system, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, three first floor bedrooms, and rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£75,000

DUDLEY

Elm Green, Old Park Farm estate

This majority double glazed semi detached home now requires sympathetic updating/improvement & is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN.
Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, side lobby, downstairs w.c., three bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £70,000

LOWER GORNAL

Grosvenor Road

This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, Ground Floor flat has been subjected to a comprehensive scheme of modernisation/improvement, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, double bedroom, bathroom with a white suite. Garage in separate bock, and lawned communal gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £69,950

SEDGLEY

Dudley Road

An elegant, particularly distinctive late Victorian residence constructed to what appears to have been an outstanding specification circa 1894 exemplifying the 'arts & crafts' tastes with many fine period features, modernised in more recent years but now, again, requiring sympathetic restoration providing exceptionally flexible/spacious acccommodation with HUGE POTENTIAL. Accommodation includes imposing reception hall, cloaks, FOUR RECEPTION ROOMS (one with separate entrance), large breakfast kitchen, lofty 27ft conservatory, SIX BEDROOMS (one with en suite), bathroom, garden, DOUBLE BRICK GARAGE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £299,500

Gornal

Coopers Bank Road

£35,000 REDUCTION

A SUBSTANTIAL BRAND NEW DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE, which enjoys superb open views, appointed to a high standard throughout, with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, cloaks/WC, very large lounge, luxury family kitchen with appliances and large dining area off, laundry, 4/5 large bedrooms, 4 en suites; study/ bed-room 5. Large Driveway approach, GARAGE and a generous rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£249,950

SEDGLEY

Longmeadow Drive, Northway

A delightful, conscientiously maintained, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached in favoured district convenient for so many amenities. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, inner hallway, 23'4" through lounge/dining room (with living flame feature gas fire), kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms, tiled bathroom, large garage, neat well tended gardens, block paved driveway. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £187,000

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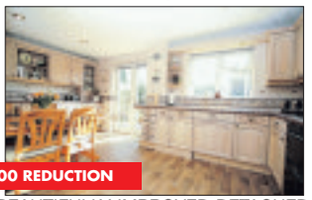


FURTHER £5,000 REDUCTION

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED AND BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOME forming part of highly sought after Badgers Rise , providing IMMACULATE, EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, guests cloakroom/w.c. off, large attractive lounge, dining room, spacious luxury refitted dining kitchen with built in appliances, THREE VERY LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS and a fabulous extended and refitted house bathroom. TARMAC DRIVEWAY, lawns to the fore, GARAGE and a GOOD SIZED LEVEL REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£209,950

UPPER GORNAL

Jews Lane

A significantly EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home in well regarded/convenient district with panoramic distant views and tremendous further potential. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, traditional reception hall, pantry, dining room with bay, extended 16'7" sitting room with patio doors, extended kitchen, three large bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite) and a house bathroom, secure store, rear lobby & useful CELLARS. Delightful lengthy secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

GORNAL

Windsor Close

This WELL PLANNED, MODERN LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE enjoys a delightful cul-de-sac setting off Cinder Road via Brookbank Road on the village fringe, and offers: Hall, LOUNGE with period fire, separate Dining room, Light-Oak fitted Kitchen with breakfast space, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, Bathroom plus separate toilet, GAS CENTRAL HEATING plus UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Attached side GARAGE plus fitted UTILITY/LAUNDRY ROOM and TOILET, DECORATIVE FOREGARDEN with Drive/Parking and a LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN with DISTANT, SUNNY ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£169,950

WORDSLEY

Balmoral Road

This SUCCESSFULLY ENLARGED, THOUGHTFULLY AND ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is pleasantly situated within this tree-lined address upon highly sought after Forest Lawns/Ashwood Park , offering VERY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, very spacious Lounge, generous separate Dining Room, beautifully appointed Breakfast Kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE BEDROOMS and attractively refitted Bathroom. With lawned garden and DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE TIERED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£155,950

SEDGLEY

Queens Road

An attractive, traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached in favoured 'tree lined' road within walking distance of Sedgley centre, open fields & schools, etc. Although modernised, there is further potential with the accommodation providing reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, pantry, upgraded kitchen, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, off road parking to front, lengthy/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

SEDGLEY

Sandyfields Road

An Edwardian, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential having many remaining period features & PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS set in favoured district within walking distance of country park/schools, etc. Accommodation presently provides entrance vestibule, imposing 24ft reception hall (8'9" ceiling height), lounge with bay (original overmantel), dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, lobby,shower/wet room. Landing (8'11" ceiling height), three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking to front, lengthy garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,500

WOODSETTON

Woodsetton Close

A tremendously enhanced, gas centrally heated, primarily uPVC double glazed & cavity wall insulated semi detached in favoured cul de sac. Accommodation includes enlarged entrance porch, inner hallway, stylish living room, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of units (patio doors out to garden), three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage, secluded well tended rear garden, ample parking. .SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price £145,950

WOODSETTON

Brook Street

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL - An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in need of sympathetic updating set in popular convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance lobby, reception hall, lounge with bay, pantry, dining room with patio doors, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy 20'4" garage, gardens with distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

KINGSWINFORD

Rangeways Road

Pleasantly located upon the very popular and sought after High Acres development and conveniently placed for local shops and amenities, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW requires some updating, but offers FANTASTIC POTENTIAL to enhance the SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING and comprising: reception hall, large lounge with ample dining space, kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS and bathroom. With LARGE DRIVEWAY, CARPORT and GARAGE and enjoying a low maintenance rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£124,950

COSELEY

NEW PRICE

Bridgewater Drive

This beautifully presented, modern style, extended, uPVC double glazed three bedroomed semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, and is situated at the head of this popular cul-de-sac. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly comprises; living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, conservatory, study/playroom, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Garage, double width driveway, and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

WOODCROSS

NEW PRICE

Waddell Close

A gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed & comparatively spacious, Freehold, semi detached enviably situated in short cul-de-sac in popular/convenient district. The conscientiously maintained accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining room, breakfast kitchen, pantry. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy driveway to GARAGE, various brick stores, lengthy well tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000

DUDLEY

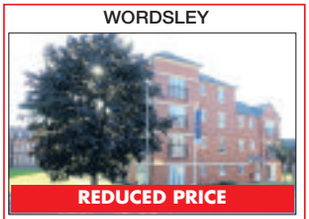
NEW PRICE

Dingle Close

Positioned in this established residential location, at the head of a cul-de-sac is this extended, gas centrally heated and upvc double glazed traditional styled three bedroomed semi detached residence in need of selective modernisation yet offering excellent potential and comprising, porch, hall, dining room, lounge, extended kitchen, 3 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, neatly laid out garden to the rear, garage, driveway, combi/condensing boiler, no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of £112,950

WORDSLEY



REDUCED PRICE

Kirkpatrick Drive

A SUPERB, MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, PENTHOUSE APARTMENT located within this exciting and stylish modern development, which is convenient for amenities available within Wordsley / Kingswinford, offering GENEROUS, BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, well proportioned lounge, attractively fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM), classic white bathroom and TWO USEFUL LOFT STORAGE SPACES. The property enjoys its own ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING SPACE and SEPARATE VISITOR PARKING is available. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£106,950

COSELEY

Dimmocks Avenue

A conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached with further potential set in well regarded/convenient district. Accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room (with double french doors out to garden), kitchen, three bedrooms (two with fitted units), tiled bathroom, neat gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £103,950

PENSNETT

NEW PRICE

Tiled House Lane

This fine property has undergone many improvements, by the current vendors in recent years and now provides an exceptional standard of accommodation which is surely not to be missed. The gas centrally heated traditional styled 3 bedroomed semi detached has accommodation to comprise, Hall, Extended lounge, large conservatory, Modern fitted kitchen, Bathroom, 3 first floor bedrooms master with en-suite shower, landscaped frontage, upvc gutter & fascia, Driveway, cavity wall insulation, condensing boiler, compact landscaped rear garden, presented to a high standard, must be viewed. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£94,950

BRIERLEY HILL

VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Cooper Avenue

Forming part of this now established address, this THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED AND WELL ARRANGED, TWO BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOME displays a most deceptive style and affords an arrangement of accommodation with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. To briefly comprise; hall, lovely sitting room, modern kitchen, two good sized first floor bedrooms and bathroom. Ample drive frontage and enclosed rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£89,950

LOWER GORNAL

Grosvenor Road South

Traditional, freehold, part uPVC double glazed intermediate terrace of character requiring some sympathetic updating. Many period features (i.e. lofty ceilings, original panelled doors & joinery, fireplaces, etc.) with the accommodation providing imposing recepiton hall (with staircase up to first floor), sitting room with bay, dining room, rear lobby, store, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

UPPER GORNAL

Duke Street

A tremendously modernised & improved, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & uPVC single glazed first floor flat with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS in popular neighbourhood. Recently re-decorated & upgraded accommodation includes reception hall, living/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various appliances, double bedroom, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite, store & an airing cupboard, communal grounds. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £64,950

DUDLEY

NOW AVAILABLE

Grove Street

This uPVC double glazed, one bedroomed top floor flat would now ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement / upgrading, yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom. Available with no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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FIELD ROAD

A spacious three / four bedroom detached bungalow with lounge with dining area, office/4th bedroom, fitted kitchen, shower room, detached tandem garage, front and rear gardens and off road parking.

£159,950

Bilston
WALTER ROAD

A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining kitchen, conservatory, downstairs cloakroom, garden to the rear and driveway to the front and side.

£85,000

DUDLEY
Himley Road

An impressive five bedroom semi detached house set in an elevated position with amazing views. The house briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, third reception room, fitted kitchen, cellar, utility room, shower room, further bathroom on first floor, driveway to the rear, garage and garden

£199,950

Bilston
CUMBERLAND ROAD

A one bedroom first floor apartment with hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom and secure entry system

£59,950

LOWER GORNAL
Peak Drive

A two bedroom apartment with secure entry system, lounge, fitted kitchen, shower room, communal gardens and allocated parking

£57,500

WALL HEATH
Cross Street

A four bedroom detached house located in the heart of Wall Heath with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear and driveway to the front

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DUDLEY
Maughan Street

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WOMBOURNE
Cranwell Green

A two bedroom semi detached house set in a cul de sac location with lounge, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear and driveway to the side.

£89,950

COSELEY
Springvale Close

A beautiful three bedroom mid terraced house with hallway, lounge, kitchen with dining area, upstairs bathroom and gardens to the front and rear. Viewing is highly recommended

£94,950

NETHERTON
The Lukes

A three bedroom modern semi detached house with lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, gardens to the front and rear and driveway

£119,950

DUDLEY
RichboroughDrive

An immaculate three bedroom detached house with en-suite to master bedroom, lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, driveway and garage

£169,950

LOWER GORNAL
Fiveways Court

A beautifully presented three bedroom three storey mid terraced house which is available on 50% shared ownership basis. The property briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, garden to the rear and secure allocated parking to the front

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TIVIDALE
Hoylake Drive

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£169,950

DUDLEY
North Street

A beautifully renovated one bedroom apartment, having a good sized lounge and modern fitted kitchen on the ground floor, and on the first floor, a large double bedroom with a house bathroom/WC. Gated rear parking space. Unfurnished, no pets, no smokers. Available now.

£350 PCM

TIVIDALE
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DUDLEY
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A splendid, one bed studio apartment - fully furnished with cooking facilities. Free broadband, council tax, gas bills and cleaning services included in the rent. Available now. DSS considered with a guarantor.

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DUDLEY
Wolverhampton Street

A one bedroom first floor apartment in the centre of Dudley having central heating, fitted kitchen/ dining room/ lounge. Available now.

£400 PCM

OLDBURY
Farm Road

A one bed mid terraced house with double glazing, central heating, lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom/WC, good sized bedroom on first floor, courtyard garden to the rear. Available for long term let. Unfurnished.

£415 PCM

DUDLEY
Wolverhampton Street

A modern one bed first floor apartment in the centre of Dudley. Fitted kitchen, dining room, lounge, two good sized rooms, brand new shower/WC. Unfurnished, available for long term rental. Dss considered with guarantor

£415PCM

DUDLEY
Dando Road

A two bed mid terraced house with double glazing, central heating, 2 reception rooms downstairs, 2 double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom with shower. Unfurnished.

£425 PCM

DUDLEY
North Street

A beautifully renovated three bedroom apartment, having a good sized lounge and modern fitted kitchen/diner on the ground floor, and on the first floor, three large bedrooms with a house bathroom/WC. Gated rear parking space. Unfurnished, no pets. Available now.

£450 PCM

PROPERTIES WANTED

Bullfinch Close, Russell's Hall

Pages Croft, Dudley

Stratford Close, Millfields Bank

Wrens Avenue, Tipton

Ruiton Street, Upper Gornal

LET LAST MONTH

These are just some of the properties let in October ... more rental properties wanted

DUDLEY
Waverely Street

A three bed end terraced house with two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/WC and separate upstairs WC, three good sized bedrooms upstairs. Part furnished, small yard to rear. DSS considered with guarantor.

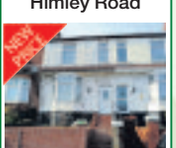
£450PCM

DUDLEY
Parsons Street

A self-contained ground floor apartment with lounge, downstairs WC, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, central heating, allocated secure parking. Unfurnished. Available now. No Dss. No pets.

£495 PCM

DUDLEY
Himley Road



A mid terraced house with two reception rooms, fitted kitchen and shower & WC on the ground floor, 3 good sized bedrooms and a house bathroom/WC, further double bedroom on the second floor. Available now. Dss considered.

£495 PCM

DUDLEY
Moncrieffe Close

A first floor apartment, having a lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen, spiral staircase to the first floor having two double bedrooms and a house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Allocated parking. Unfurnished, available now.

£495 PCM

ROWLEY REGIS
Highfield Road

A three bed terraced house, double glazing, central heating, one reception, 3 double bedrooms and house bathroom upstairs. Unfurnished. Dss considered if on rent deposit scheme with the council.

£525 PCM

DUDLEY
Kew Drive

A 3 bed detached house in a quiet cul-de-sac with double glazing, central heating. Briefly comprising a through lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms and 1 single bedroom. Garden to rear, Unfurnished, available now.

£550 PCM

DUDLEY
Pages Croft

Modern two bedroom ground floor apartment on popular Priory Park development near to Dudley town centre. Open plan lounge/ diner/ fitted kitchen,, master with en-suite.Allocated parking, unfurnished, available now.

£525 PCM

TIVIDALE
New Birmingham Road

A three bed semi detached house having lounge, modern fitted kitchen, garden room to rear with downstairs WC. Upstairs has three bedrooms and a house bathroom/WC. Patio and enclosed garden to the rear, off road parking. Unfurnished, available now.

£550 PCM

DUDLEY
Westley Street

A three bed detached house with integral garage, good sized lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, house bathroom/WC, garden to rear, small garden to front with off road parking. Unfurnished, available now. No Dss.

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Offers around £234,950

QUARRY BANK

WOODS LANE

This superbly presented, much improved, extended Trad 4 Bed Semi-Detached provides outstanding gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed family accommodation which simply must be seen. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Extended Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Superb refitted extended Breakfast Kitchen, Downstairs W.C., 4 Good Bedrooms, Large refitted Bathroom with open bath and separate shower cubicle, Small Garage/Utility, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens with splendid views and Driveway for 2/3 cars to the front.

PRICE ON APPLICATION

QUARRY BANK

KING STREET

Most pleasantly situated in this ever popular and respected address, this attractive 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides Upvc double glazed accomodation ideal for the First Time buyer or young family and although requires certain upgrading provides tremendous further potential. Briefly comprises :- Lounge , Separate Dining Room , fitted Kitchen , Bathroom , 2 Double Bedrooms , Side Garage, Driveway and Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens.

Offers around £99,950

BRIERLEY HILL

HAWBUSH ROAD

This attractively presented, extended 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and is conveniently located opposite the newly refurbished Hawbush School. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, spacious Dining Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Large fitted Bathroom, 3 Good Bedrooms and Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens with Rear Vehicular Access.

Offers around £94,950

BROCKMOOR

WILSON ROAD

This attractively presented, neatly improved 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached is pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient cul-de-sac,and provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accomodation ideal for the young family or First time buyer and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises:- Hall , attractive Lounge , Dining Kitchen , 3 Bedrooms, superb refitted Shower room, lawned rear Gardens and driveway parking to front.

Offers around £89,950

QUARRY BANK

HIGH STREET

This attractively presented Modern One Bedroomed First Floor Flat provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time Buyer, single person or Investor, and forms part of a custom built block very conveniently positioned close to local amenities of Quarry Bank High Street. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN the accommodation comprises: Secure Main Entrance, Hall, Spacious Lounge, fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Large Fitted Bathroom with shower, Communally kept gardens with car parking space and GARAGE to the rear.

Offers around £68,950

PENSNETT

DREADNOUGHT ROAD

Available at a realistic asking price, this attractively presented Modern 3 Bedroomed with Detatched residence provides deceptively spacious well planned gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accomodation ideal for the young family in this popular and convenient address.with NO UPWARD CHAIN the accomodation includes :- Hall, Spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Bedrooms, Re-fitted Bathroom with "spa" bath and shower, separate W.C., good sized Side Garage, Driveway and Pleasant Rear Garden.

Offers around £145,500

OAKHAM

DINGLE CLOSE

A delightfully presented Traditional 3 Bed Semi-Detached pleasantly situated just into this sought after address and providing spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed family accomodation to include: Porch, Hall, spacious Lounge with sep Dining Area, fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 good Bedrooms, superb refitted Bathroom with sep shower, 26' Tandem side Garage, pleasant southerly facing rear Gardens and driveway to front.

Offers around £144,950

RUSSELLS HALL

MINEHEAD ROAD

This lovingly and delightfully presented 2 Bedroomed Semi Detatched residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accomodation ideal for the young family in this popular address close to Russells Hall Hospital. Briefly comprises :- Spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Conservatory, attractively fitted Kitchen, 2 Double Bedrooms (master with fitted wardrobes), refitted Shower Room, delightfully kept Rear Gardens with Summerhouse and Stores, Side Garage, Car Port and Driveway for 2 cars

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BROCKMOOR

HULLAND PLACE

This Modern 2 Bedroomed Intermediate Townhouse provides deceptively spacious, delightfully appointed gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time buyer or young family and is pleasantly situated overlooking Brockmoor Primary School to the rear in this popular location. Briefly comprises:- Porch, Hall, Attractive Lounge, Superb Refitted Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 Good Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and Driveway for 2 cars to the front.

Offers around £99,950

BRIERLEY HILL

GROVE CRESCENT

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this improved 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and UPVC Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the Young Family and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly Comprises:- Hall, spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Attractive Fitted Kitchen with Built in Oven and Hob, 3 Good Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant lawned rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and tarmac driveway for 2/3 cars.

Offers around £94,950

BRIERLEY HILL

LIMES AVENUE

This attractively presented and lovingly maintained 2 Bedroomed Semi provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time buyer, young family or INVESTOR and is pleasantly situated in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Fitted Dining kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Superb Refitted Bathroom with Shower, delightfully kept Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and GARAGE to the rear.

Offers around £87,950

DUDLEY

WATSONS GREEN ROAD

An excellent opportunity for the INVESTOR to acquire a 2 Bedroomed Intermediate Terraced residence providing deceptively spacious part double glazed accomodation conveniently positioned in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- 2 Reception rooms, Kitchen, Bathroom, 2 Bedrooms and shared mature rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN

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HALESOWEN ROAD

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£575 PCM EX

BRIERLEY HILL

ULLSWATER RISE

Pleasantly situated in this Popular cul-de-sac, this attractively presented Modern 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached provides Spacious Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed accommodation with attractive Lounge, re-fitted Dining Kitchen, 2 good Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Long Driveway for 4/5 Cars. No DSS/Smokers/Pets. Part Furnished. Deposit £750.00

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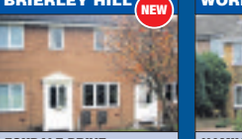

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DUDLEY NEW

STOURBRIDGE ROAD

£525 pcm

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WOODSETTON NEW

FLAVELL STREET

£525 pcm

Mid Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Available Immediately

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TACK FARM ROAD

£575 pcm

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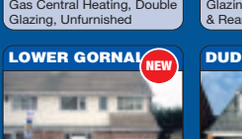
WORDSLEY NEW

SANDFIELD ROAD

£550 pcm

End Terrace Property, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking



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£625 pcm

Semi Detached Property, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking

DUDLEY NEW

WESTLEY STREET

£595 pcm

Detached Property, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, En Suite Shower Room, Single Garage, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking

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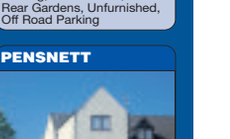
QUEEN STREET

£575 pcm

End Terrace Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Double Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished



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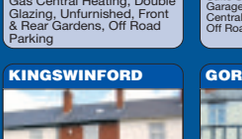
HIGH STREET

£425 pcm

First Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished



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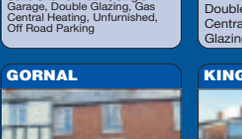

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TEMPLE STREET

£525 pcm

Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Rear Garden, Unfurnished

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FREELAND GROVE

£625 pcm

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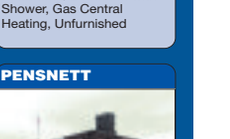

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BRADLEY STREET

£495 pcm

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£625 pcm

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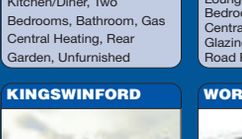

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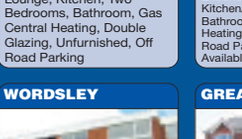

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The new Skoda Citigo is available in 60bhp and 75bhp engines

The Skoda Citigo has an exceptionally spacious interior

City car that is practical and delivers on economy

By Bob Hickman

SKODA has introduced yet another vehicle to its already expanding portfolio of excellent cars and suggests that Citigo redefines what is possible with yet another niche market car categorised as a city car.

It has very small exterior dimensions with exceptional interior space, offering ample accommodation for four adults. Add in great manoeuvrability, exceptional comfort and quite high levels of equipment, and Skoda says that the Citigo has been designed to deal with almost anything that life can throw at it.

We are living in difficult times with recession and austerity, and people are looking to see where they can save a few pennies – and in motoring we can save not pennies but pounds.

Petrol prices are continually spiraling upwards so we need to eke out more miles per gallon. The more miles per gallon, the less excise duty and insurance we pay.

The Citigo is an all-new city car, it is a unique design and it maximises space on a very small footprint. There is little doubt that the market for city cars is going to be the new growth area. A few years ago it was off-roaders and then SUVs, people carriers, now the marketplace is for small cars but with maximum carrying capacity. You only need to look around and you can see other manufacturers have already entered into this important market sector

The amount of space in the Citigo is very good. There is plenty of room for four adults and this contained in a vehicle a mere 3,540mm long and 1,640mm wide. I actually had a sit in the back of the vehicle with my wife and we were comfortable in the rear. We had sufficient head and shoulder room, and importantly legroom. And even allowing for the seats in a driving position that I normally occupy as a six-footer, there was still space for the rear passengers.

The boot is not over generous at 251 litres but when you drop the seats it rises dramatically. But do not overlook the fact that this is primarily a city car, it is not designed for huge luggage capacity, but it is sufficient to get the daily or weekly shopping in.

One feature that the Citigo will reward you with is its ability to find car parking spaces. Being so small, spaces that you would normally think impossible, can swallow up the Citigo.

Entertaining

The driving dynamics are quite entertaining for such a small car, the engine is a three-cylinder 999cc and produces 60bhp. There is also a further option of more power but the smaller derivative will enable you to reach 62mph in 14 seconds and it runs out of puff at 99mph. There is a 75bhp option available and this knocks a second off the 0-60 time and raises your top speed to about 106mph.

Fuel consumption figures claimed for both vehicles is in the region of mid-60s on the combined cycle. Phenomenal fuel figures are quoted, but as we all know these figures are achieved in laboratory conditions, but we should still be obtaining figures in the low-50s, which is exceptional.

The important CO2 figures are given as 105 and 108 respectively for the two power derivatives, so you can expect a low road fund licence, and this is another bonus to reduce motoring costs. Not quite the nil rated but not far away at a mere £20 per annum.

There are three versions available – S, SE and Elegance, entry level being the S with good, old fashioned wind-up windows, and sadly, no air conditioning. The SE is probably the derivative to go for, it benefits from electric front windows, remote central locking, manual air conditioning.

I really do not want a vehicle anymore without central locking, with wind-up windows and without air conditioning, things that we now take for granted. So I would avoid the S level, although all the models have ABS and four air bags, and all models except the entry level have an Electronic Brake Sensor facility.

You have to make a further choice between a three-door and a five, and I think this will interest a lot of car buyers. It is always easier to get in and out of small city car when you have five doors.

My choice would be the five-door middle of the range SE. As a further sweetener towards downsizing and the Citigo, what about a five-door SE 999cc engine with an automatic gearbox? I don't think you could get a better small package.

Skoda has introduced what they suggest is a simple pricing structure, but I do find it a little complicated. The entry level Citigo three-door starts things off at £7,630 and the top specification Citigo Elegance is priced at £10,415. Skoda then gives you a list of various options dependent on your derivative – Comfort packs, Style packs, Summer packs, Safety packs and all manner of extras that you can build into your car.

All in all, the Citigo will win friends and with Skoda's reputation now of being manufacturers of superb, reliable,

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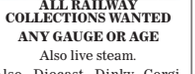

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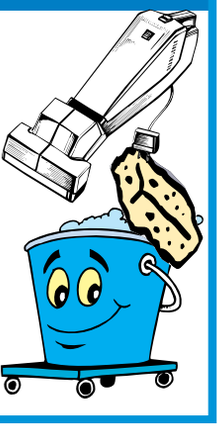

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Improved side make a point with draw

Stoubridge 1 Frome Town 1

IMPROVED Stourbridge settled for a point against a Frome Town side left to rue squandered gilt-edged second-half chances.

Stourbridge's Sean Geddes, who passed a fitness test before kick-off, sent in a third-minute corner and Paul McCone's header was parried by on-loan Ollie Chenoweth.

Six minutes later Frome opened the scoring in this Evo-Stik Southern Premier game. A Lewis Powell free-kick from just outside the box got past keeper Lewis Solly – making a 350th Stourbridge appearance.

The hosts hit back and on 12 minutes a testing low cross from Leon Broadhurst was only partially cleared to Drew Canavan, who stabbed his shot wide. Three minutes later McCone slipped the ball through to Canavan whose low drive was saved by Chenoweth.

Stourbridge drew level on 56 minutes with a well-worked goal. Solly set Paul Lloyd off on his left and good link-up play through midfield left Ben Billingham to score.

Promotion hopefuls are held off

Kingswinford 6 Bloxwich 3

KINGSWINFORD men's hockey firsts held off promotion challengers Bloxwich despite a tense first-half performance.

The home side controlled possession and dictated the early chances.

However, a goalkeeping error saw Bloxwich go ahead although Cole Hickman combined with Ajay Sandhu from a short corner to flick the ball home for the equaliser.

Bal Lally converted another short corner to put the home side ahead, but Bloxwich levelled before half-time.

Kings took the lead again when Kam Mann connected with another good pass from Sandhu. The visitors, true to form, made it 3-3.

However, Kings scored three more times in the remaining 20 minutes. The first was a superb strike from Billy Jawanda before Sandhu got on the scoresheet and Hickman found the net once more.

Ex-England star has top tips for juniors

FORMER Villa and England star Gareth Southgate gave Dudley Juniors Under-18 team a special coaching session at St George's Park National Football Centre.

Southgate, who recently quit as the Football Association head of elite development, put the team – who play in division two of the Stourbridge And District Youth League – through their paces.

It came after they won an 'Upgrade Your Team' competition organised by Phones 4U.

He said: "Football is not just about the top level and as a former player and manager it is great to be able to give something back to those at the grassroots level.

"I know Dudley Juniors have got some tough games coming up, so hopefully the session at a world-class facility St George's Park will have helped them prepare."

Dudley Juniors get advice in the masterclass with Gareth Southgate

Saxons win it with a show of strength

Stourbridge Saxons 33
Darlington Mowden Park 18

STOURBRIDGE snapped the visitors' nine-game winning streak in a hard-fought game.

Darlington Mowden Park were leading until the final play of the first half, when a penalty try tied the scores at 18-18.

The Saxons upped their game in the second half, their superior physicality gradually gaining them the upper hand, and they secured the four-try bonus point by driving a maul over with barely a minute left.

Saxons actually conceded the first score when Jamie Hearn slipped trying to gather a speculative kick ahead and the visitors' winger ran in to the corner. But they were well worth their victory.

Haseley's brace sees basement Yellows off

Halesowen 2 Hucknall Town 1

BEN HASELEY'S brace took his season's goal tally to 20 and fired Halesowen to a first win in seven outings.

Halesowen took time settling in this Evo-Stik Northern First Division South game and keeper Paul Evans was in trouble on 17 minutes as Julian Topliss was free to lob against the post.

Ten minutes later a deflected Topliss header went wide. Hucknall keeper James Martin saved from Jean-Michel Gueyes before Haseley headed the Yeltz ahead in the 34th minute after Tom Warmer's free-kick on an impressive debut.

Rock-bottom Hucknall, under new management, levelled two minutes before the break as Rob Austin drove home from the right of the penalty area.

Man-of-the-match Haseley was denied by Martin early in the second half and saw a 58th minute shot drift wide.

Haseley hit his 20th goal of the season in the 74th minute, turning the defence on his own before putting away the chance.

Late stand ensures a draw as DK struggle

A LATE stand preserved a draw for Dudley Kingswinford in an error-strewn match which neither side deserved to win.

The visitors trailed 13-7 at the break, but hauled themselves level with just under quarter-of-an-hour to play thanks to a brace of Gareth Bown penalties. They were expected to go on and win this National Two North clash against the side propping up the table – but it was the home team who finished stronger.

Huddersfield 13
Dudley K'ford 13

Huddersfield's Mike Clarke had a clear run to the line after an interception, only to fall victim to a last-ditch tackle by the industrious Matt Farrington.

The final few minutes saw the home side camped in the Dudley 22m area. They kept giving away penalties only for the visitors to hand the ball back with a series of errors.

Huddersfield fly-half Joel Hinchcliffe narrowly missed with a late drop goal attempt which would have won his side the match.

Penalised

DK made a bright start. After just five minutes, Stefan Shillingford broke a tackle and fed the hard-working Jon Tideswell who crossed for a well-constructed try, converted by Bown. But that was the high point for DK as the game descended into a scrappy affair.

Huddersfield battled hard for parity in an error-strewn encounter. On the quarter-hour DK were penalised for not rolling away from a tackle and Tom Owen kicked the penalty.

Six minutes later, a speculative kick forward into the DK in-goal area caused abject panic in the visiting ranks. Clarke won the race to touch it down and give Huddersfield an 8-7 lead.

They extended the advantage to six points at half-time when Scott Benton scored wide out from a ruck close to the line.

Far from the break settling DK down, the mistakes continued. Tom Bissell, on for the injured Tideswell, handled in a ruck and was yellow-carded.

But with the advantage of the slope, Dudley began to exert concerted pressure leading to the first of Bown's two penalties.

Huddersfield hassled and harried at every opportunity. Their over-enthusiasm tested the patience of the referee who issued two yellow cards.

But despite the two-man advantage, DK could add only another Bown penalty before withstanding the late pressure.

Jon Tideswell goes in for DK's only try

Matt Farrington offloads to Rich Kelley as DK launch an attack

Rich Kelley moves forward purposefully for Dudley Kingswinford

Stefan Shillingford lines up his move

Hannah's 11 as girls go goals crazy

Evesham United U11 Girls 0
Dudley Sports U11 Girls 27

DUDLEY went goal-crazy as Hannah Fellows hit 11 .

There were six apiece for Maddison Eden and Kelly Nicklin, with Kirsty Hampton (2) and Megan Hawley among the scorers.

Dudley Sports U13 7
Hawbush Rangers U13 0

Peter Johnson's treble helped Sports to a big win.

Cameron Wilkinson bagged a brace and there were goals for Connor Gordon and Josh Worrall.

Dudley Sports Dynamos U14 12
Wrens Nest Wanderers U14 0

A dozen goals for the Dynamos were spread throughout the team.

George Taylor notched a treble, Brad Cox and Chad Derrick bagged a brace apiece and there were single strikes from Chris Priest, Connor Hadlington, Jack Blunt, Lopes Massampo and Bradley Welding.

Other results: Legion Lions U14 1 Dudley Sports Juniors U14 0, Springvale Steelers Academy U16 3 Dudley Sports U16 2, Halesowen Town Ladies 11 Dudley Sports Ladies 0.

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Robins impress early, but go down

Dudley Town 0 Lye Town 3

DUDLEY'S bright start petered out into defeat against the West Midlands Premier title-chasers.

Dudley began well but were denied early on by Lye's impressive 18-year-old keeper Charles Price, with Rion Francis-Mills and Geoff Hill both testing the youngster.

Indeed, in the first 20 minutes Town took the game to their high-flying rivals. The best chance fell to Francis-Mills who put the ball wide of the post.

The visitors took the lead in their first meaningful attack on 25 minutes.

A fine free-kick on the left found Ben Jeavons who put a diving header past Aaron O'Malley.

The Robins could have found an equaliser just past the half-hour mark when a spill from Price, after collecting a powerful header from Francis-Mills, dropped agonisingly wide.

The main turning point was on 39 minutes when Dudley's Rob Whitley was red-carded following a collision with Jeavons.

Lye made the most of their one-man advantage when Steve Weaver was allowed space to cut in and place the ball into the back of the net right on the stroke of half-time.

Lye added a third on 64 minutes with Weaver again finding the net.

Green light for Gornal

Gornal Athletic 3
Continental Star 0

RESURGENT Gornal were worthy winners in this Midland Alliance clash.

Gornal's first goal, on 23 minutes, saw Calum Martin find space in midfield and play an excellent through ball for Kristian Green to get in behind the Star defence.

He was forced wide by keeper Richard Gethin, but netted well from a narrow angle.

Gornal continued to control the game in the second half and finallly extended the lead on the hour mark.

A corner from Pete Wood was met by Curtis Tilt; his header was parried by Gethin, and Marvin Nisbett nodded home unchallenged.

On 78 minutes, substitute Ravi Sangha got the final goal of the game after some poor defending allowed him a six-yard tap-in.

Heathens bosses pledge to consider move up

Dudley Heathens

DUDLEY HEATHENS bosses have promised to take fans' views into account when deciding at which level to race next season.

A packed Cradley Heath Liberal Club saw more than 200 supporters tell club owners Nigel Pearson, Chris Van Straaten and Gary Patchett they want the club to move up from National to Premier League.

While the three promised to take those views on board, they insist they will see what proposals are in place at the sport's AGM this weekend before deciding whether the move is viable.

Club chairman Pearson said: "The turnout was fantastic last Thursday and on behalf of all three of us I thank our fans from the bottom of our hearts. It's obvious there is a powerful groundswell of support to move up to the Premier League and we will take that into this weekend.

"But we need to remain cautious. We don't want to be in a position where we jeopardise the future and our search for a new site for a track we can call our own just for a season at the higher level.

"Gary Patchett relays the story of his time in the Premier League with Birmingham in 2010. He put together a smashing team, but lost thousands of pounds which is something we don't want to do and simply blow all the work of the last three seasons.

"He only had two crowds over 1,000 that season. The only thing I would add to that is that we are talking about a completely different club.

"But I think most of our supporters understand why we are being cautious," added Pearson. We know what we need to make it work and at the moment it could still go either way.

"We have a business plan in place to provide a new track along similar lines to what Chris achieved when he opened Redcar. We have what it takes to do that and we will not put that in doubt.

"I personally would love to see the club race in the Premier League.

"It's the next step and it's something the club and the fans deserve – but I say that with caution.

"We are almost in a situation where we're damned if we do and damned if we don't!

"All I can say is that we have taken on board totally the views of the supporters and we will make a decision based on the best interests of the club with the experience of Gary Patchett and Chris Van Straaten alongside me. I think our fans trust us."

RING-RUSTY MALE FAILS TO POST WIN

RING RUST proved costly as Chris Male paid for a poor start and conceded the English featherweight title to Josh Warrington at Dudley's The Venue.

by Craig Birch

Some 14 months out of the ring told on Male as the Cradley man didn't get into his stride until it was too late against busy Warrington, from Leeds, in their 10-round contest for the vacant belt.

But the punching postman showed real guts when he was tagged for real – possibly the first time as a professional – in the fourth round but didn't go down.

Male was in real trouble when a looping right hand landed bang on his chin. But he didn't go over and managed to remain upright even when the same shot came back over the top with similar effect by the end of the session.

Once the seventh round was in full flow, Male started to show his true form as Warrington's floods of punches began to miss their target.

Josh Warrington wins the verdict over Chris Male

Sharp

Male worked away to the body but was wrapped up inside. By this time only a stoppage would suffice, but he never found the opportunity for the truly clean shot he needed.

Judges Shaun Messer, Terry O'Connor and Victor Loughlin all ruled unanimously in favour of Warrington by scores of 97-95, 94-92 and 98-93 respectively.

On the undercard, stablemates Steven Pearce, Kyle Spencer and Riswan Rasool extended their unbeaten records. The trio, all out of Shaun Cooper's gym in Brierley Hill, got started when Kingswinford's Spencer looked very sharp again in shutting out William Warburton on points, 40-36, at light-middleweight.

Dudley's Rasool picked up his second professional win since turning over in March in what his first competitive fight for over a decade by the same margin as his debut, 39-38, over Kristian Laight.

'Fierce Pearce', the lightwelterweight from Stourbridge, bashed away at the durable Aaron Fox but couldn't get the game Wiltshire combatant out of there.

Like Spencer, Pearce had to settle for a points shut-out, bumping him up to six straight wins as a professional.

Chris Male, right, and Josh Warrington battle it out for the English featherweight title at Dudley. *Pictures: Steve Leath*

Sporting efforts of region are rewarded

SPORTSMEN and women from across the Black Country took to the red carpet for the 2012 Black Country Sport & Physical Activity Awards.

It was a chance to celebrate achievements of the last 12 sporting months in the Black Country as well as recognise Olympic and Paralympic achievements at London 2012. There were 18 awards at the Copthorne Hotel, Dudley, including:

Community Club of the Year, Gig Mill Swim School, Norton, Stourbridge.

The club has grown over 12 months with more than 1,000 people using the pool.

Fourteen sessions a week are provided and the club has a 12-month waiting list.

They are working with Stourbridge College to encourage more 16-19-year-old females into swimming.

Two young people progressed through a 'rookie lifeguard' programme and have now achieved their Level One qualifications and are currently teaching sessions at the club.

Sport Maker of the Year, Ross Ensor.

The student at Dudley College has amassed more than 500 hours of volunteering activity at a range of sporting events.

He helped to organise the Dudley College Community Games event as well as being chosen to carry the Olympic Torch through Dudley.

Ensor started his training as a Sport Maker in January 2011, and also coaches the Kewford Eagles under-eight football team every weekend.

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